

Biopharma - The Industrial Base

Today, 16% of the North East's total employees work in healthcare and life sciences, the sector has a turnover of £8bn a year and the region generates 30% of the UK's economic output of pharmaceuticals.

Every kind of business, from multinationals to innovative spin outs and start ups is to be found here and there is a significant cluster of regional biopharmaceutical supply chain companies already established, with an estimated combined turnover of more than £500m.

Companies can be divided into two groups: manufacturers and specialist suppliers and cover a diverse range of activities. These activities include bioprocess development for mammalian cell culture and microbial expression systems; the production of sterile filtration systems and the supply of cell culture media and bioprocess containers. Production of high value protein A products for worldwide sale also takes place within the region, as does the supply of highly novel chromatography material.

For a full picture of the companies now operating in North East England, please consult our Directory.

Newcastle Science City

Capitalising on the world-class scientific research being conducted in Newcastle for the economic and social benefit of the City and the region, Newcastle Science City aims to create an environment that enables science and business to work together effectively by developing Newcastle's scientific research base, developing research sites, promoting science related subjects in schools and encouraging the commercial exploitation of scientific research within the Region.