

What we do

Cels (The Centre of Excellence for Life Sciences Ltd) is partly funded by the regional development agency One North East to drive the growth of the healthcare and life sciences economy of North East England.

Cels is committed to developing scientific enterprise through the development and commercialisation of new technology, innovations and the exploitation of new and emerging market opportunities.

Cels drives growth in four main ways:

- By building and managing first-class business and research infrastructure
- By placing the region on the world stage through internationally recognised networks
- By managing emerging technology and stimulating the formation of new business ventures
- By offering business start-ups management and financial assistance.

In order to achieve this, Cels works in close partnership with the North East's regional universities, associated research institutes, healthcare and life science companies and public sector organisations.

Specifically, Cels:

- Supports the region's existing and new healthcare and life sciences companies
- Attracts inward investment and new healthcare companies to the region
- Helps companies diversify into healthcare markets
- Sits at the hub of a global network of healthcare and bio clusters
- Manages regional networks for R&D (BioNet) and inter-company collaboration (Cels Healthcare Network)
- Develops and operates business incubator and bio-park facilities
- Provides a range of commercial foresighting and business support services

The North East has a growing and dynamic industrial base that spans from multinational pharmaceutical companies to innovative spin outs and start-ups in areas such as oncology and regenerative medicine.

Our activity is focused on supporting partners in the following key sub-sectors:

- Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine
- Ageing and Health (including Assistive Technology)
- Drug Discovery and Biomarkers
- Diagnostics and Medical Devices
- Biopharmaceutical Process Development

Our aim is to support and bring together the strengths of the region's research, clinical and industrial expertise and create a compelling environment for business development and



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