



To: All Assembly Members

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Dear Assembly Member

During Plenary on 24 February, I agreed to provide you with an update on the current status at GE Healthcare when I had substantive information.

GE Healthcare have commenced a consultation process that could result in a headcount reduction at their Welsh site. We are working closely with the company to explore every option to retain workforce in Wales.

There are several thriving life sciences companies located in South Wales and my officials are working with these and GE Healthcare management to source alternative job opportunities.

A year ago GE Healthcare created an SME Innovation Village within their Cardiff site. A number of innovative life sciences businesses based at the Village provide highly skilled scientific employment opportunities.

My officials are in discussion with GE Healthcare to explore if further fallow space on site could be used to expand the Innovation Village and provide additional business growth opportunities.

I will keep you up to date on any further developments.

*Edwina Hart*