**<<Insert name of organisation/laboratory>> is promoting the vital role of biomedical science in healthcare**

Biomedical science staff at <<insert name of hospital/laboratory/town>> are celebrating Biomedical Science Day at <<insert time>> on Thursday 20th June by <<insert examples of activities/event >>.

Biomedical Science Day is a national event organised by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS), the professional body for biomedical scientists and laboratory support staff. The awareness day aims to inform the public and empower patients by telling them about practices in biomedical science, strengthen interdisciplinary team work and communication in hospitals and celebrate a profession that is at the heart of healthcare.

In its third year, Biomedical Science Day has gained significant popularity amongst biomedical laboratory staff across the UK, with hundreds of laboratories opening their doors or organising events in their local hospital or school.

<<Insert your name and job role>> at <<insert your organisation>> said: “Biomedical Science Day is a great opportunity for us to build relationships with our colleagues, patients and public. By opening the doors to the laboratory, we can help everybody understand the vital role of biomedical science in healthcare.”

Alison Geddis, President of the Institute of Biomedical Science, said: “Despite many encounters with our work throughout their lifetime, most people are unaware of the important role of biomedical science in diagnosis, treatment and general healthcare. The aim of Biomedical Science Day is to inform the public about the full range of expertise involved in hospital care, and to celebrate our great profession.”

**Notes to the editor**

**About biomedical science**

Biomedical science is a biology and chemistry related discipline used mostly in healthcare laboratories to identify, research, monitor and treat disease. As one of the broadest areas of modern science, it focuses on the complexity of the human body and underpins much of modern medicine.

'Biomedical Scientist' is a legally protected title in the UK. In order to protect public safety, anyone using or practicing with the title must meet the Health & Care Professions Council’s (HCPC) standards and be HCPC registered.

Biomedical scientists and their staff mostly work in healthcare laboratories diagnosing diseases and evaluating the effectiveness of treatments by analysing fluids and tissue samples from patients. In the UK, healthcare laboratories are involved in over 70% of diagnoses in the NHS, handling over 150 million samples every year.

**About Biomedical Science Day**

Biomedical Science Day is an annual event held by the Institute of Biomedical Science (IBMS). With over 20,000 members, the IBMS is the professional body for biomedical science professionals.

The aim of Biomedical Science Day is to encourage biomedical science staff across the UK to promote the vital role they play in a person’s healthcare throughout their lifetime and to highlight the variety of expertise in their work to patients and the public.

For further details, contact the IBMS communications team. Tel: 020 7713 0214 or email: communications@ibms.org