

## **Strength and Opportunity 2016, Revisions Note**

### **Note of unscheduled revisions**

This note summarises unscheduled revisions to the Strength and Opportunity 2016 report and accompanying materials, originally published on 6 April 2017.

This version of the report was revised in August 2017 to:

- amend an error in one medical technology service & supply company that had been incorrectly matched to an employment and turnover record;
- improve the language used when reporting employment and turnover proportions to make clearer whether the proportion is of the industry, sector or segment;
- amend an error in UK-owned Biopharma Core employment; and
- amend the segmentation code list (Annex 4) to reflect the full range of codes used for each segment in the analysis (documentation update only, no changes to analysis).

### **Medical technology service & supply company error and its impact**

Due to an error when matching two data sources, incorrect employment and turnover figures were assigned to one medical technology supply and service company. This led to an artificial inflation of employment and turnover.

After correcting the error, total employment and turnover in the UK life sciences sector in 2016 has been revised downwards by 0.9% and 0.6% respectively. Employment in the medical technology supply & service subsector has been revised downwards by 8%, with turnover revised downwards by 7%. Figures presented at further levels of disaggregation, such as segment or regional, have also been impacted.

The affected company was not a part of the trend dataset or used in the calculation of the year-on-year comparisons so these remain as previously reported.

### **UK-owned Biopharma Core employment error and its impact**

The UK-owned Biopharma Core employment was incorrectly reported as 32,289 people. The true figure is 33,289. This was an error in analysis rather than with the underlying data.

### **List of revised items**

The errors have now been corrected in the report and all accompanying materials.

The following items have been revised:

- Strength and Opportunity 2016 report
- Underlying dataset
- Public companies dataset
- Geographical data maps
- Life sciences sector and medical technology sector infographics

The biopharmaceuticals and digital health infographics were not affected.

The web portal (<https://lifesciences.trade.gov.uk/>) has also been updated with the revised underlying data and now displays corrected figures.