'REGENERATING BODIES' SEMINAR 3

Regulation and Governance of Emerging Tissue and Cell based Technologies

2.00 - 4.00pm Wednesday 9th April 2008

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Dr Bravery has a background in transplantation immunology, and worked for a number of years on transgenic pigs for xenotransplantation and most recently for a cell therapy company with a diverse array of products. His interest is cell therapies. He represents MHRA on the UK Stem Cell Bank steering committee (as an observer). He works closely with the European Medicines Agency and is involved in implementing the new Advanced Therapy Regulation in the UK.

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' Engineering tissues and institutions: stakeholder politics in regulatory regimebuilding for advanced therapy products'.

Dr Faulkner's research is focused in three areas: the sociopolitics of health technologies; sociology of healthcare scientific knowledge and social aspects of healthcare. He has particular interests in the relationship between health technology innovation and healthcare regulation and governance; European medical device and human materials policies. He has done extensive research looking at regulation and governance issues relating to human implant technologies and tissue and cell-based therapies including tissue-engineering. He is author of the book 'Medical Devices into Healthcare: a political sociology of technology and governance' to be published in 2008 by Palgrave.

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