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| **Thursday 26 January 2017****Heather Thompson, Medical Detection Dogs**We hope you all enjoyed our last meeting with Alan Hunter from the NHS LA. We were delighted to see so many of you in attendance, for what was a very interesting (and in places controversial) talk.For our next meeting, we have Heather Thompson, who speaks on behalf of the Medical Detection Dogs, a charity which works in partnership with researchers, NHS Trusts and Universities to train specialist dogs to detect the odour of human disease.There are two sides to Medical Detection Dogs; Cancer Detection Dogs who are working within research, being trained to detect volatile substances of cancer and to enable scientists to develop an early cancer screening system. The Medical Alert Assistance Dogs are trained to assist and support individuals who are managing complex medical conditions day to day, by detecting changes in odours associated with certain medical events. Heather's career has been focused on youth development, with her current role at the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award as an Operations Manager for the South West regional office. Heather's primary focus in this role is to support organisations and DofE Leaders in making the DofE available to any young person who wishes to take part. With an interest in biology and a love of dogs, as soon as Heather heard about the work of Medical Detection Dogs, she wanted to find out more and help if she could. She has no medical training and is not a qualified dog trainer but she has been volunteering for the Charity for the last year or so, and carries out regular talks to help raise the profile of their work so it can save more lives.We hope you will come along and listen to Heather talking about the work of this fantastic charity. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***Name (capitals please)......................................................................................................................................** I should like to have supper and will be bringing [ ] guests, as follows:  ..............................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................I enclose my cheque for £ (£16.95 per head - made payable to Bristol Medico-Legal Society)Daytime Telephone No………………………………Email address:……………………..…………………………...Please return to : **Hannah Volpé, BMLS Legal Secretary, DAC Beachcroft LLP, Portwall Place, Portwall Lane, Bristol, BS1 9HS (DX 7846 Bristol)** **Tel: 0117 918 2098**  Final return date: **Monday 23 January 2017****Venue** \*\*\*\*\*Our venue is the **Engineers House, The Promenade, Clifton Down, Bristol, BS8 3NB\*\*\*\*\***Please see [**www.eefvenues.co.uk**](http://www.eefvenues.co.uk)for more information and maps.**Car parking:** Complimentary on-site car parking available.Car Park and Main Entrance accessed fromClifton Down Road. Alternatively, there is on-street parking – the area surroundingEngineers’ House has some 250 free andunrestricted on street parking available.**WIFI Internet Access:** free internet access available in all rooms and breakout areas.**Public transport:** Rail - nearest train station is Bristol TempleMeads, a 10 minute taxi journey fromEngineers’ House. The on**-**site team can book you a taxi when you leave. We advise booking ahead to avoid waiting when you depart.The number 8 and 9 buses stop directly outside Engineer’s House every 10 minutes and depart from the city centre and Bristol Temple Meads train station. |
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|   | **Cost**As usual, Members and their guests are invited to attend the buffet supper which will be served from 6.30pm. This costs **£16.95** per person and includes a two course buffet with wine and coffee. It is best to arrive early so you have a chance to join fellow members and guests to enjoy a glass of wine or two or a soft drink if you prefer, before the meal.The talk starts at 8pm and is **free** to members and their guests, so please come along, even if you cannot make it for the supper. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* |

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