



Office for Life Sciences

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OLS Introduction

The Office for Life Sciences (OLS) is a joint unit between the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC) and Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT).

This bulletin aims to keep the life sciences sector up to date on the latest government announcements and wider opportunities in policy areas which may be of interest to the sector.

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News

RECRUITMENT – The Office for Life Sciences is looking for a motivated and confident communicator to lead our briefing operation, working to Ministers and senior officials across two departments. We welcome applications from people with transferrable skills. Please share with your networks. Apply [here](#) before 11:55pm on 10th April.

NEW - Four life sciences companies, ranging from medical diagnostics to medicines manufacturing, will see £277 million in joint government and industry backing to help grow and innovate. The funding forms the first set of winning grants from the Life Sciences Innovative Manufacturing Fund (LSIMF). Read more [here](#).

NEW – Last week, the Chancellor addressed leaders from across the life sciences sector at the Treasury Connect conference. Valuable discussions were held on Access to Finance, Regulation, MedTech & Adoption, Clinical Trials and Infrastructure & Manufacturing. Watch his address [here](#).

NEW – The Science and Technology Secretary Michelle Donelan travelled to Brussels to meet European Commissioner Mariya Gabriel yesterday (Tuesday 4 April), to discuss research collaboration including the UK's expectations around association with Horizon Europe. Read more [here](#) and see her LinkedIn post [here](#).

NEW – Over 1,200 researchers in medical research charities will receive over £50 million in funding from the Medical Research Charities Early Career Researchers Support Fund. The funding will support researchers across 90 charities early on in their careers and is aimed at

sparkling a new wave of revolutionary medical research across the industry, including in dementia, motor neurone disease and brain tumour research. Read more [here](#).



Medicines and Medical Devices

NEW – The EU has taken steps to give manufacturers more time to get certain medical devices certified under the EU Medical Devices Regulation (EU MDR). The new arrangements recognise the challenges in capacity across notified bodies. Read more [here](#).

NEW - From Saturday 1 April 2023, new fees have been introduced for a range of MHRA services, to ensure the agency covers its costs and achieves financial stability in the years ahead. Read more [here](#).



Net Zero

NEW – The government unveiled its plans to scale up affordable, clean, homegrown power and build thriving green industries in Britain. Read more about the Energy Security Plan [here](#).



Useful Links

- The [Office for Life Sciences](#) homepage provides updates and information on all things from the Life Sciences sector and ongoing government work.
- Guidance for businesses on Brexit can be found [here](#).
- Click [here](#) for updates to rules, guidance and scheme documents for the Energy Bill Relief Scheme for non-domestic energy customers.
- Access the 'Check How to Export Goods' tool [here](#) for the information you need to export goods out of the UK market.
- Click [here](#) for updated information on the Covid-19 response from the Department for Health and Social Care and Public Health England.
- If you're a UK business selling goods or services to Europe, you can contact the UK government [export support team](#) by phone or online.
- Access the 'Check How to Export Goods' tool [here](#) for the information you need to export goods out of the UK market.
- Click [here](#) for more information and advice on exporting.
- In England, [Growth Hubs](#) can advise on local and UK Government business support.
- Register for HMRC's free [Trader Support Service](#) if you are moving goods between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Click [here](#) to view the latest weekly Trader Support Service (TSS) bulletin.
- The most up-to-date guidance on the [Northern Ireland Protocol](#) is on GOV.UK, including information on moving goods into, out of, or through Northern Ireland.
- If you need to get in touch with the MHRA, please email MHRACustomerServices@mhra.gov.uk or phone 0203 080 6000.
- To provide feedback on what other information you'd find useful from MHRA, please contact engagement@mhra.gov.uk.
- You can call the government's Business Support helpline for free advice. To call the Business Support Helpline in England please dial **FREEPHONE 0800 998 1098**,

Scotland **0300 303 0660**, Business Wales **0330 060 300** and Invest Northern Ireland **0800 181 4422**.