



# 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

**SUPPORT** - May 17th marks 100 days since the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) was created – and the department will be celebrating this on its social media channels. If your organisation would like to support, you can either use your channels to promote anything you have done in the last 100 days that contributes to the UK's mission to become a Science and Technology Superpower by 2030, using the hashtag **#DSITx100** and tagging @scitechgovuk in your posts. Alternatively, you can simply retweet and amplify any of the department's posts.

**NEW** – Health Secretary Steve Barclay has signed an agreement at the G7, which took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May, setting out a commitment for member states to invest in research to increase the early detection of dementia. The Health Secretary wrote about this, and the Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Mission in the Daily Express. Read more [here](#).

**NEW** – UK science and research facilities will receive £103 million for upgrading the UK's world class research infrastructure and opening the doors for new breakthroughs. Science and Technology Secretary Chloe Smith visited the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge. Read more [here](#).

**NEW** – New Chairs confirmed for NIHR Dementia Translational Research Collaboration – see full announcement [here](#). Nadeem Sarwar and Hilary Evans, who co-chair the Dame Barbara Windsor Dementia Mission, give their congratulations and look forward to working with Cath and colleagues to ensure we make the UK the best place to run dementia clinical trials globally.



## Medicines and Medical Devices

**NEW** – The European Parliament has voted to adopt an extension of the transition period for the EU Medical Device Regulations and to extend the validity of certain device certificates. As announced in October 2022, there are plans to extend acceptance of the CE marking in GB which we will put into law in the coming months. Read more [here](#).



## Net Zero

**NEW** – Companies licensed to drill in North Sea to report findings to regulator in new powers brought forward in Energy Bill amendment. This will deliver on the Prime Minister's priorities by helping to attract investment, support as many as 50,000 new jobs by 2030 and grow the economy. Energy Bill will also support the scale up of UK's hydrogen and nuclear power industries. Read more [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](mailto: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](mailto:engagement@mhra.gov.uk).
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