



# 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

**NEW** - UK's next generation of medical researchers given funding boost. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**POLICY PAPER** - Cutting & Simplifying Tax for Businesses to Invest and Grow. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**UPDATED** - Find out about safety and security requirements that apply to goods entering and exiting the UK. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**NEW** - Best and brightest from UK science, engineering and tech to join DSIT under new Expert Exchange. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**NEW** - A new policy framework to drive deployment and adoption of 5G and advanced wireless connectivity; and the government's 6G strategy for the UK - UK Wireless Infrastructure Strategy. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**NEW** - UK publishes prospectus for opportunities beyond Horizon Europe. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**PUBLICATION** - [DSIT cyber security newsletter - April 2023](#)

**NEW** – UKRI have published a [new funding opportunity](#) (total £16m) for Human Functional Genomics Initiative clusters. The initiative is led by the Medical Research Council (MRC) and

forms part of the Government's Life Sciences Vision commitment to deliver a UK world class offer on functional genomics. The expression of interest stage closes on 4 May and the deadline for full applications is 27 July. Eligible researchers are invited to apply and partnerships with industry are encouraged. MRC will hold a webinar to support potential applicants on stage one (expression of interest), including a Q&A session:

- 26 April 2023 at 2:00 pm UK time. [Register for the webinar via Zoom](#)



### **Medicines and Medical Devices**

**NEW** - Findings from research by the MHRA have been published, evaluating two different approaches to cancer therapies which harness the immune system to determine which better targets cancer cells and would reduce side effects for patients. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**NEW** - Cancer survival rates improve by almost 10%. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**NEW** - New statutory fees for MHRA services introduced from 1 April 2023. More on this story can be found [here](#)



### **Net Zero**

**NEW** - Government explores major reform to flagship renewables scheme to improve energy security and drive investment. More on this story can be found [here](#)

**NEW** - Energy Security Secretary outlines steps to strengthen Britain's long-term energy security and independence to help deliver clean, prosperous future for the country. More on this story can be found [here](#)



### **Events**

Keep up to date with all the latest available webinars:

- Watch past HMRC videos on coronavirus [here](#) and UK transition on imports and exports [here](#).
- Find videos to help you learn more about trading with the EU from 1 January 2021 [here](#).
- Click [here](#) to view a list of webinars for organisations that trade with the EU you can watch live or on demand.
- BEIS has launched a series of on demand videos, to help businesses familiarise themselves with the new rules. Topics include importing and exporting, trade, Rules of Origin, tariffs, data, and audit and accounting. To view the videos, click [here](#).
- Webinars giving an overview of the new rules that have come into place since leaving the EU customs union and the EU single market are now available to view. To access these, click [here](#).
- DEFRA have published a series of webinars for exporters of products of animal origin, live animals, plants, and plant products. For more information, click [here](#).

- A calendar of upcoming webinars for organisations that trade with the EU is available [here](#). Topics include: importing, trader responsibilities, exporting and more.



### 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.
- 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.
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- Visit the [Business Climate Hub](#) and make the [SME Climate Commitment](#).
- 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).
- 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**.