



# 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 - NHS Recovery Summit held to help cut waiting lists.** Health and Social Care Secretary will convene the next NHS Recovery Summit with health experts to help drive innovation across the NHS. Read [here](#).

**NEW - All secondary school pupils eligible for free flu vaccine.** All secondary school pupils eligible for free flu vaccine as government expands vaccination programme. Read [here](#).

**NEW - Face-to-face health checks more than double in one year.** The number of NHS Health Checks offered and carried out more than doubled in 2022 to 2023. Read [here](#).

**NEW - MHRA puts supporting patient access to innovation at the heart of its new Corporate Plan 2023-26.** A new, visionary Corporate Plan, setting out how the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency plans to keep patients safe by enabling access to innovative, safe and effective medical products over the coming three years, has been published. Read [here](#).

**NEW – Groundbreaking New £100M Lifearc Programme Aims to improve the lives of people living with a rare disease.** A self-founded organisation and charity launches a Rare Disease Translational Challenge that will invest more than £100m by 2030. Read [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).