

[Notice: Marlow Weir removal of car with police: river restriction notice](#)

Updated: Date changed from 2 October to 3 October.

River restriction information for Wednesday 3 October 2018 from 8am to 2pm at Marlow Reach.

[Press release: BIA and MHRA publish report 'Collaborative Working in the UK, Driving Innovation Forward' following their eighth annual joint conference](#)

Key themes for the day included the UK regulatory environment now and post Brexit, the accelerated access pathway for breakthrough therapies and technologies, drug device combinations and the importance of real world evidence in regulatory decision-making.

Sir Michael Rawlins, Chairman of Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency delivered the keynote address on accelerating access to innovative therapies and implementing the AAR recommendations under the Life Sciences Industrial Strategy.

The report brings together highlights from the day including perspectives from senior experts from across the sector including: [MHRA the UK regulator](#), the [National Institute for Biological Standards and Control \(NIBSC\)](#), the [Clinical Practice Research Datalink \(CPRD\)](#), the [Department of Health and Social Care](#), the [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\)](#), the [Office for Life Sciences](#), notified bodies, the life science industry, research charities and patient organisations.

Chief Executive of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, Dr Ian Hudson, said:

It is an important part of the agency remit to support innovation, improving access to new medicines and promoting public health gains. The record number of delegates at this annual conference

reflects the value of continued dialogue between regulators and stakeholders in helping to achieve this objective and to drive innovation forward.

Commenting on the publication of the report, BIA CEO, Steve Bates, said:

As the UK moves closer to Brexit it is vital that industry, the regulators and wider stakeholders work together to ensure the best possible outcome for patients in the UK and Europe, and this event provides a useful forum to bring key players in the sector together. The fantastic line up of speakers and excellent attendance demonstrate the value of this forum.

The full report can be downloaded [here](#) and you can also find the full programme and slide presentations for this year on the conference website.

[News story: Appointment of the Chair of the Criminal Cases Review Commission](#)

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[News story: Appointment of a Civil Procedure Rule Committee Barrister member](#)

The Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice has appointed Dr Anja Lansbergen-Mills as a barrister member of the committee from 12 October 2018 for 3 years.

The Civil Procedure Rule Committee (CPRC) is a non-departmental public body which makes rules of court, for the Civil Division of the Court of Appeal, the High Court and the County Court. CPRC is chaired by the Master of the Rolls and comprises 16 members – 8 judicial (of which 6 are appointed by the Lord Chief Justice) and 8 non-judicial (appointed by the Lord Chancellor in consultation with the Master of the Rolls).

Biography

Dr Lansbergen-Mills practices in commercial and chancery work and is a tenant at Exchange Chambers. She is a committee member of both the Northern Chancery Bar Association and the Northern Circuit Commercial Bar Association. Dr Lansbergen-Mills works to promote social mobility and diversity at the Bar, to which end she has participated in a 'Law Futures Day' organised by the Social Mobility Foundation and in the 'Pathways to Law' initiative developed by the College of Law and the Sutton Trust (delivered by Eversheds Sutherland as 'Eversheds Unlocked'). She is helping to organise the Chancery Bar Association's forthcoming 'Women at the Chancery Bar' conference and has spoken as a panellist in a discussion of the experience of women in the legal sector. Before she was called to the Bar Dr Lansbergen-Mills completed a PhD at the University of Edinburgh School of Law, during which time she was employed by the University in various research posts and taught law EU Law to both undergraduate and master's students.

Dr Anja Lansbergen-Mills has declared no political activity.