

## [News story: Animal medicines improvement notice: Feedmark Ltd](#)

Details of the improvement notice issued to Feedmark Ltd, Harleston, Norfolk published in August 2017.

This Notice was issued as Feedmark Ltd were presenting the product SarVoid for the purpose of treating sarcoids in horses. This presentation was made via an email distributed advertisement. Similar medicinal claims, relating to the product SarVoid have also been brought to the attention of Feedmark Ltd this year.

SarVoid is not authorised as a veterinary medicine in the UK for use in the treatment or prevention of this condition.

The improvement required is for:

- Feedmark Ltd to remove all medicinal claims for the product SarVoid from company marketing material.

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## [Press release: Further results published from government's fire testing programme](#)

These large scale tests will allow experts to better understand how different types of cladding panels behave with different types of insulation in a fire. The results of the first two tests have already been published.

This third test was of a wall cladding system consisting of Aluminium Composite Material (ACM) cladding with a fire retardant polyethylene filler (category 2 in screening tests) with PIR foam insulation.

The government's expert panel advises that [the results](#) show that the combination of materials used in the test does not meet current Building Regulations guidance.

There are up to 13 buildings over 18 metres tall in England known to have a combination of ACM with a fire retardant polyethylene filler with PIR foam insulation. Cladding samples from each of these buildings had already failed earlier combustibility tests conducted by Building Research Establishment (BRE) and their owners were sent [government advice](#) detailing the immediate interim safety measures that needed to be completed.

These latest test results provide building owners with further evidence about fire risks. Government has now provided these building owners with additional [detailed advice](#) setting out the actions they need to take to ensure the safety of residents. Government is working closely with these building owners to ensure this advice is being followed.

To further build the evidence available for experts and building owners so they can make informed safety decisions, government has commissioned a seventh large scale test – testing ACM with fire retardant polyethylene filler (category 2 in screening tests) with phenolic foam insulation. Results of all remaining tests will be published when they are available.

The government announced the [independent review](#) of building regulations and fire safety on 28 July 2017. This forward looking review will examine the regulatory system around the design, construction and on-going management of buildings in relation to fire safety as well as related compliance and enforcement issues.

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## [News story: Celebrating Services for Witnesses](#)

Recognising and rewarding support for witnesses at court.

In October 2017 HMCTS will hold its first National ‘Celebrating Services for Witnesses’ awards ceremony supported by other criminal justice agencies.

Providing witness services is crucial for the good and fair administration of justice. Our ceremony is being held to recognise and reward the positive impact services have on supporting witnesses through what can be a very traumatic and frightening time in their lives.

The ceremony comes from a local award ceremony held in the Midlands which was supported by Citizens Advice Witness Service (Central region) to acknowledge the positive work undertaken by staff and volunteers within each organisation.

This new event builds on the success of the regional award, and HMCTS is joined and supported by the Crown Prosecution Service, the defence community including members of the independent bar, the British Transport Police and again by the Citizens Advice Witness Service. It is an opportunity to acknowledge the positive work undertaken by all of the support agencies and what they provide to witnesses in their journey; whatever their role in the criminal justice system.

There will be six award categories:

- unsung hero award (individual)
- specialist support award (team or individual)
- frontline services award (individual)
- significant improvements award (team or individual)
- partnership award (team)
- the Victims' Commissioner's award (team or individual), presented by Baroness Helen Newlove, the Victim's Commissioner.

The ceremony will take place on 20 October 2017 at Nottingham Trent University, with the Law school within the university sponsoring the event venue.

For further information please email [Witnessawards@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Witnessawards@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk).

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## **Press release: UK-based start-ups win Expo 2020 Dubai grants**

This week, Expo 2020 Dubai has announced that three UK-based start-ups leading innovation in healthcare, water security and science education have each won an Expo Live grant from organisers of the 2020 World Expo, being held in Dubai.

Welcoming this news, the British ambassador to the UAE, Philip Parham, said:

I am proud of Babylon, Desolenator and ScienceScope for their great business partnerships with Expo2020 Dubai. They are impressive examples of British excellence in science and innovation, and of UK-UAE collaboration. I am confident that cutting edge British companies will continue to make major contributions to the fulfilment of the UAE's ambitious vision. And I look forward to UK participation in the success of Dubai Expo 2020.

Babyl Rwanda is a branch of UK-based digital healthcare tech start-up Babylon that designed smartphone 'chatbot' technology to offer live consultations and medical prescriptions. Babyl developed its platform on feature phone version to allow all Rwandans, including those without smartphones or with limited access to the internet, predominantly in rural areas, to access "call-in" consultations service with doctors from anywhere.

Desolenator is a clean technology venture based in London. It uses only solar power to purify water from any source, including sea water; which is especially critical in regions where natural groundwater reserves have been polluted or poisoned or where seawater is the only water source available. The process used is a simple distillation, but Desolenator's innovative

technology accelerates the process and cuts the environmental impact, allowing its purifiers to produce up to 20 litres a day from a one square metre area, versus an average two litres a day using traditional solar stills.

ScienceScope Ltd is a startup based near Bath, Somerset, that specialises in science education. It provides schools with tools using the 'Internet of Things' (IoT) so that students can explore the world around them to enhance learning in science, technology and geography. ScienceScope is already working with the Infocomm Development Agency of Singapore to bring IoT technology to five schools there to engage students in technology development and in understanding how technology can address the problems and challenges faced in the world.

Expo 2020 Dubai's Expo Live programme has an allocation of USD 100 million, to back projects that offer creative solutions to pressing challenges that impact people's lives, or help preserve the world – or both. Organisers are looking for such projects that would not reach their full potential without its support.

More details available [here](#).

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## [Press release: New fines for essential service operators with poor cyber security](#)

- Fines could be as much as £17 million or 4 per cent of global turnover
- NIS Directive will help make UK most secure place to live and do business online

Organisations who fail to implement effective cyber security measures could be fined as much as £17 million or 4 per cent of global turnover, as part of plans to make Britain's essential networks and infrastructure safe, secure and resilient against the risk of future cyber attacks.

The plans are being considered as part of a consultation launched today by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to decide how to implement the Network and Information Systems (NIS) Directive from May 2018.

Fines would be a last resort, and they will not apply to operators that have assessed the risks adequately, taken appropriate security measures, and engaged with competent authorities but still suffered an attack.

The NIS Directive relates to loss of service rather than loss of data, which falls under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

It will help make sure UK operators in electricity, transport, water, energy, transport, health and digital infrastructure are prepared to deal with the increasing numbers of cyber threats. It will also cover other threats affecting IT such as power failures, hardware failures and environmental hazards.

Minister for Digital Matt Hancock said:

We want the UK to be the safest place in the world to live and be online, with our essential services and infrastructure prepared for the increasing risk of cyber attack and more resilient against other threats such as power failures and environmental hazards.

The NIS Directive is an important part of this work and I encourage all public and private organisations in those sectors to take part in this consultation so together we can achieve this aim.

The NIS Directive, once implemented, will form an important part of the Government's five-year £1.9 billion National Cyber Security Strategy. It will compel essential service operators to make sure they are taking the necessary action to protect their IT systems.

The Government is proposing a number of security measures in line with existing cyber security standards.

Operators will be required to develop a strategy and policies to understand and manage their risk; to implement security measures to prevent attacks or system failures, including measures to detect attacks, develop security monitoring, and to raise staff awareness and training; to report incidents as soon as they happen; and to have systems in place to ensure that they can recover quickly after any event, with the capability to respond and restore systems.

Any operator which takes cyber security seriously should already have such measures in place.

The Government is fully committed to defending against cyber threats and a five-year National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS) was announced in November 2016, supported by £1.9 billion of transformational investment. The strategy includes opening the National Cyber Security Centre and offering free online advice as well as training schemes to help businesses protect themselves.

NCSC CEO Ciaran Martin said:

We welcome this consultation and agree that many organisations need to do more to increase their cyber security.

The NCSC is committed to making the UK the safest place in the world to live and do business online, but we can't do this alone.

Everyone has a part to play and that's why since our launch we have been offering organisations expert advice on our website and the Government's Cyber Essentials Scheme.

The consultation proposes similar penalties for flaws in network and information systems as those coming for data protection with the General Data Protection Regulation, due to be in force by May 2018. Failure to implement effective security could see penalties as large £17 million or 4 per cent of global turnover.

The Government will shortly hold workshops with operators so they can provide feedback on the proposals.

## Notes to editors

For media enquiries please contact the DCMS News and Communications team on 020 7211 2210 or out of hours on 07699 751153.

- The [consultation documents](#) are available online.
- The Government has committed to NIS Directive and is consulting on a number of issues:
  - The essential services the directive needs to cover
  - The penalties
  - The competent authorities to regulate and audit specific sectors
  - The security measures we propose to impose
  - Timelines for incident reporting;
- How this affects Digital Service Providers
- This initiative is part of the Government's £1.9 billion investment to significantly transform the UK's cyber security. The 2016-2021 National Cyber Security Strategy sets out how the UK Government will deliver a UK that is secure and resilient to cyber threats; prosperous and confident in the digital world. The National Cyber Security Programme managed by the Cabinet Office coordinates the work undertaken to implement the UK's National Cyber Security Strategy.