

## **New Chair of the Lay Observers' National Council appointed**

The Secretary of State for Justice has appointed David Whalley as the Chair of the Lay Observers' National Council.

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## **Guidance: Animal gatherings: licences**

How to apply for a licence, when you need a licence, fees, licence conditions and records you must keep.

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## **UK-funded trade innovation praised for driving regional growth**

A UK-funded cargo tracking system has been praised in a flagship report for driving growth, keeping cargo and drivers safe, and speeding up trade across East Africa.

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## **No tax changes for online sellers**

There are no new tax obligations for people selling services or unwanted items online as platforms start sharing sales data with HMRC from January 2025.

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## **First train services to return to**

## public ownership revealed

Services across England will return to public control, transforming our railways into a more reliable, affordable and accessible system.