### UKHO appoints RAdm Peter Sparkes as Acting Chief Executive following the retirement of CEO Tim Lowe CBE

Rear Admiral Peter Sparkes, the current UK National Hydrographer and Deputy Chief Executive, has been appointed to the position of Acting Chief Executive and Accounting Officer.

#### HMRC invites hospitality industry to register for Eat Out to Help Out

Registrations for the Eat Out to Help Out Scheme start today (13 July 2020).

## Consultation launched on doubling maximum sentence for assaulting an emergency worker

Anyone who assaults or attacks emergency workers could face longer jail terms, as a consultation on doubling the maximum penalty for the offence is launched today.

# Priti Patel and new French Interior Minister agree action on Channel crossings

Agreement reached to create an intelligence cell to crack down on gangs facilitating illegal crossings and people smuggling

#### New planning rules to protect our cultural heritage

Theatres, concert halls and live music performance venues to be protected.