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GAD's online advice about the insurance industry

News story

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The Government Actuary's Department (GAD) has continued to provide online advice and guidance about the insurance industry to other parts of government, during the coronavirus pandemic.

Insurance insights

Experts in GAD have advised HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) on the workings and decision-making of insurance companies both generically and on a confidential

basis, on specific cases. We help HMRC analyse insurance-related cases and better understand the reasons why certain decisions may have been made, for example for capital related reasons.

GAD's advice also includes looking at factors that influence how insurance companies make investment decisions and explaining how they use financial modelling to decide their best strategies.

Collaborative working

This most recent round of advice about investments and assets, was the fourth in a series of presentations to HMRC. GAD actuary Nick Clitheroe delivered these online by video and said: "These live, interactive workshops provided an ideal opportunity for us to deliver integrated, in depth knowledge sessions which help clients on an ongoing basis."

At a joint GAD and HMRC event, before the advent of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions, we provided detailed analysis on both generic and specific cases, to help the department with its strategy. In assessing the impact of GAD's expertise at the event, attendees from HMRC said it had been very useful, saying there was a good debate generated on general and specific issues.

Online advice

During the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, GAD continues to use video conferencing and other online resources to provide advice and guidance about the insurance industry to other parts of government.

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[Letter from Dame Martina Milburn to the Prime Minister](#)

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Joint Statement of UK International Trade Secretary Liz Truss and USTR Robert Lighthizer

London – Today, the International Trade Secretary Liz Truss and United States Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer announced the formal launch of trade agreement negotiations between the UK and the U.S.

In light of the ongoing global pandemic caused by Covid-19, the first round of negotiations will be conducted virtually, with UK and U.S. negotiators engaging in discussions over the next two weeks in nearly 30 different negotiating groups covering all aspects of a comprehensive trade agreement.

Both parties agree that a Free Trade Agreement would contribute to the long-term health of our economies, which is vitally important as we recover from the challenges posed by Covid-19.

An FTA is a priority for both countries and we share a commitment to secure an ambitious agreement that significantly boosts trade and investment. We will undertake negotiations at an accelerated pace and have committed the resources necessary to progress at a fast pace.

International Trade Secretary Liz Truss said:

The US is our largest trading partner and increasing transatlantic trade can help our economies bounce back from the economic challenge posed by Coronavirus. We want to strike an ambitious deal that opens up new opportunities for our businesses, brings in more investment and creates better jobs for people across the whole of the country. As the Prime Minister has said, the UK is a champion of free trade and this deal will make it even easier to do business with our friends across the pond.

United States Trade Representative Lighthizer said:

Under the leadership of President Trump, the United States will negotiate an ambitious and high-standard trade agreement with the UK that will strengthen our economies, support good-paying jobs and substantially improve opportunities for trade and investment between our two countries. This will be an historic agreement that is consistent with U.S. priorities and the negotiating objectives established by Congress in U.S. law.

The UK negotiating team will be led by Oliver Griffiths, Director for US Negotiations at the Department for International Trade; and the US negotiating team will be led by Dan Mullaney, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East. Over 200 staff from UK and U.S. government agencies and departments are expected to take part in the negotiations.

An opening plenary today will kick off the detailed discussions, followed by multiple virtual meetings from Wednesday 6 May to Friday 15 May. The negotiations build on the work conducted through the UK-U.S. Trade and Investment Working Group, which was established in July 2017, partly to lay the ground work for these negotiations.

A comprehensive UK-U.S. trade agreement will further deepen the already very strong trade and investment ties between the UK and United States by creating new opportunities for UK and American families, workers, businesses and farmers through increased access to the other's market.

The United States and the United Kingdom are the first and fifth largest economies in the world, respectively. Total two-way trade between the two countries is already worth £230 billion a year. Each country is the other's largest source of foreign direct investment, with over £700 billion invested in each other's economies. Every day, over one million Americans go to work for UK firms, while over one million Britons go to work for American firms.

The UK-U.S. trade agreement will be a modern agreement designed for the highly advanced and sophisticated UK and U.S. economies. Both governments are committed to maintaining high levels of health, safety, and environmental protection that will serve as a model free trade agreement for the world.

[Health and Social Care Secretary's statement on coronavirus \(COVID-19\): 4 May 2020](#)

[Coronavirus press conference: 4 May 2020](#)

Good afternoon and welcome to Downing Street for the daily coronavirus briefing.

I'm joined by the Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Jonathan Van Tam, and our national testing coordinator, Professor John Newton.

Today, I want to update you with the latest plans for our programme of test, track and trace and how we are going to use this massive testing capability that we've built to get R down and keep R down.

Before I do, I just want to remind you of what we are trying to achieve.

Our plan is to slow the spread and protect the NHS, so the NHS is always there for you and your family whenever you need it, whether for coronavirus or anything else as we lead the nation through this crisis.

Our goal is working.

The number of spare critical care beds in the NHS is 3,413.

On the latest figures:

- there have been 1,291,000 tests for coronavirus, including 85,186 tests on Sunday, yesterday
- 190,584 people have now tested positive for coronavirus, an increase of 3,985
- 13,258 people are in hospital with coronavirus
- and 28,734 people have died, an increase of 288

That figure is lower than at any point since the end of March. But, as with testing, these reported figures tend to be lower over the weekend so we do expect that number to rise.

And remember, this is not just a number but it is a constant, insistent reminder that we must go further and faster in our national effort in dealing with this virus.

Over the last month we have built a national testing infrastructure capable of over 100,000 tests a day. Today, the capacity stands at 108,000.

This means we are now in a position to start implementing the next part of our plan: track and trace.

The aim of test, track and trace is to hunt down and isolate the virus so it's unable to reproduce. And, crucially, test, track and trace allows us to take a more targeted approach to lockdown while still safely containing the disease.

Creating this system is a huge national undertaking of unprecedented scale and complexity. We've already taken Britain's small but brilliant diagnostics industry and taken it to global scale. We're building an army of human contact tracers who can man the phones, and find the contacts and support people. And, of course, we're developing the contact tracing app, which can help us deliver test, track and trace on the mass scale that we need across the country.

The app, which takes full consideration of privacy and security, has already been tested in closed conditions at an RAF base. And, today, I can announce the next steps.

From tomorrow, we will begin to pilot test, track and trace on the Isle of Wight, starting with health professionals and rolling out this week to all citizens. I am grateful to the huge enthusiasm shown by islanders, who know

that by participating in this pilot they are at the forefront of helping get Britain back on her feet.

Where the Isle of Wight goes, Britain follows.

The island has a single NHS Trust, one local authority with the responsibility for public health, a relatively low number of COVID cases and, because it's an island, we can run this trial in proper scientifically controlled conditions, comparing the effect with what's going on in the mainland before we roll it out to the rest of the country.

So here's how it will work.

Last week, we put in place the testing capability on the island. From tonight, the contact tracing capability will go live. And then, tomorrow, NHS staff on the island will be able to download the app.

And, from Thursday, each one of the 80,000 households on the island will get a letter from the Chief Nurse with comprehensive information about the trial. Islanders will then be asked to install the app. Once you've installed the app, it will start logging the distance between your phone and other phones with an app nearby.

It's been designed with a form of Bluetooth that conserves power so the app won't drain your battery.

This log of proximity information will then be securely stored on your phone.

If you become unwell with COVID symptoms, you inform the NHS via the app. Other app users who you've had significant contact with in the last few days will then be sent an alert by the NHS, along with advice about what to do.

A test-ordering function will then be built in.

If you're watching this and you live on the Isle of Wight, I have a simple message: please, download the app to protect the NHS and save lives. By downloading the app, you're protecting your own health, the health of your loved ones and the health of your community.

I know the people of the Isle of Wight will embrace this with enthusiasm, because, by embracing test, track and trace, you will be saving lives.

The pilot is important to help make sure this app works as well as it possibly can alongside the contact tracing system. And with your help we will learn a lot, we will use it to make things better and we want to hear from you.

I want to stress – and this is really important – that this trial does not mean the end of social distancing on the Isle of Wight, or anywhere else for that matter. We will only change the social distancing rules once our 5 tests are met.

So, I'll end with the instruction that we all know: please, stay at home,

protect the NHS and save lives.

Or, if you live on the Isle of Wight: stay at home, install the app, protect the NHS and save lives.