

Chancellor announces support for post-Brexit future



A package of measures to support the next generation, promote economic growth, and prepare for a post-Brexit future, will be announced by the Chancellor Sajid Javid over the coming days.

Post-Brexit Funding

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal and should the EU cease to fund UK organisations after Brexit, the government has guaranteed funding to organisations in receipt of certain EU programme funding (such as the European Regional Development Fund and Horizon 2020).

Today (28 September) the Chancellor confirmed that the total amount covered by the guarantee would be £4.3bn in 2019/20 and £16.6bn over its lifetime – providing reassurance to charities, businesses and universities amongst others.

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Travel advice: Lille LOSC vs Chelsea

Advice for fans travelling to France for Chelsea's match with Lille LOSC on 2 October 2019.

Date: Wednesday 2 October 2019

Venue: Stade Pierre Mauroy, Villeneuve d'Ascq

Kick off time: 9pm (local time)

You should also read our [travel advice for France](#) and follow us on Twitter at

[@BritishinFrance](#).

Passports and visas

- you don't need a visa to enter France. Make sure that your passport is valid until you return to the United Kingdom
- remember your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), but also take out travel insurance, even if you're only going for one night – it could save you a lot of money if you get into difficulties
- you should carry your ID with you at all times
- if you lose your passport, you will need to get an [Emergency Travel Document](#)

Getting to the stadium

From Lille Europe Eurostar Terminal, walk to Gare Lille Flandres take the Metro M1 (yellow line) direction 4 Cantons Villeneuve d'Ascq to 4 Cantons Stade Pierre Mauroy terminus.

By road, cars, minibuses and coaches must use the A1 and C2 stadium car parks.

Lille airport does not have direct flights to the UK. If you are arriving from another country, there is a shuttle service to Lille city centre from where you can take the Metro as explained above. Shuttle details are available on the [Lille airport website](#).

At the match

- tickets will be available at a collection point on presentation of your voucher and your passport. Details and specific instructions will be given by Chelsea Football Club to voucher holders. Metro tickets will also be on sale at this collection point
- all official Chelsea supporters (except VIPs and sponsors) will enter the stadium via Gate I
- full body searches will be carried out by French police. The process will be thorough and time consuming
- you should expect to go through different check points before entering

the stadium

- the stadium opens 2 hours before kick-off, you are advised to arrive well before the start of match as ticket and security checks can take up to one hour to complete before admittance to the visitors' section
- supporters with disabilities are advised to arrive at the stadium as early as possible and will enter via Gate I
- no left-luggage facilities available. Leave your bags on the coaches or at your hotel
- alcohol is banned inside the stadium
- if you appear drunk you may be refused entry to the stadium
- please note that Chelsea fans will be held back for around 30 minutes while the home supporters disperse

Tips

The following items are banned in the stadium and will be confiscated (and are unlikely to be returned):

- banners and flags displaying anything which can be construed as racist or homophobic
- flagpoles, sticks
- fireworks and flares
- alcoholic drinks, bottles, glasses, and cans
- megaphones and drums
- knives, belts, chains or any objects which can be thrown or used as a weapon

Smoking is not permitted in the stands.

Possession and use of recreational drugs is illegal in France and any

infringement may result in arrest and imprisonment.

Before and after the match the French authorities invite fans where possible to remain within the city centre and train station areas. The French authorities also advise visiting fans to avoid the Old Lille district (Place Louise de Bettignies) where possible.

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Consular Services
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Emergency services numbers

Emergency number: 112

Further information

Websites for:

[Civilian Gallantry List: September 2019](#)

Queen's Gallantry Medal

Andrew Foster (posthumous)

Accident in Yosemite National Park (27 September 2017)

On 27 September 2017 Andrew Foster and his wife Lucy were on a camping trip in Yosemite National Park in California when rocks, reportedly the size of cars, started to fall around them. Lucy was walking 50m behind Andrew when they heard the rocks begin to fall above them. Mr Foster was already well clear of the danger site when the rockfall began but Mrs Foster was not, and he shouted for her to run. She lost her footing on the uneven terrain, causing her to fall to the ground directly under the rock fall. Mr Foster ran back to his wife and lay on top of her to protect her from falling rocks. He suffered fatal injuries whilst Lucy, although suffering life-threatening injuries at the time, was rescued from the mountainside and made a full recovery.

Luke Ridley

Fire (23 November 2018)

On Friday 23 November 2018, at 06:49 hours, nominee Luke Ridley contacted police via a 999 call. He had been driving on the A303, close to Countess Services in Amesbury, Wiltshire when he witnessed a blue Nissan Micra vehicle leave the carriageway and come to rest on its side, partially suspended from an earth bank and at a precarious angle. The vehicle started to smoke and then flames ignited from within the bonnet area.

Mr Ridley stopped and ran to assist. There was a single female driver, aged in her 60's in the vehicle, who was still in the driver's seat and was disoriented and unable to free herself from her seat belt.

Mr Ridley entered the vehicle via the rear hatch and cut through the seatbelt using a tool from his own vehicle. He then dragged the occupant through the rear hatch to safety, whilst the fire was taking hold. The occupant, although disoriented and shaken, and having inhaled some smoke, was uninjured.

The police received several 999 calls from the public to alert them that the vehicle was on fire although no other drivers had stopped. The attending officers have noted that within two minutes of their attendance, the vehicle had become completely engulfed in flames with loud explosions being heard. The attending officers were in no doubt that had Mr Ridley not acted a loss of life would have occurred.

Queen's Commendation for Bravery

Leanne Collopy (posthumous)

Armed individual threatening lives (30 July 2017)

On 30 July 2017 at 10:30 pm, neighbours heard someone screaming for help and on further investigation, found that they were coming from Leanne Collopy's home where she lived with her small child. Inside the premises, Leanne was subject to a sustained, brutal attack by her former partner who earlier came to her home for that purpose, armed with a kitchen knife. The attacker then doused Leanne with petrol and subsequently set the house on fire. The neighbours attempted to open the door but found that it was locked. As a result, the landlady and the police were called to the scene.

After repeatedly stabbing Leanne about the head and body, the attacker then started a fire which quickly spread throughout the house. Her child was found by a police officer sat upright on the kitchen counter in wet clothing. Heavy blood pooling, belonging to Leanne, was found on the kitchen countertop. The tap was running and the window was open, suggesting that Leanne had doused her daughter in water and attempted to get her out of the window, away from the fire.

Once the police arrived, an officer was able to pull Leanne's daughter to

safety quickly through a window. Leanne was also rescued but later sadly died in hospital from her injuries.

Kieran Doble

Armed individual threatening lives (10 August 2018)

On the evening of 10 August 2018, Mrs Doble's neighbour entered her house with a knife, with the intention of attacking and killing her. Although Mrs Doble's front door was not locked, the attacker stormed through with such force that he broke the latch. Mrs Doble's son Kieran was at home and saw the attacker entering the house and as a result, intercepted him in the hallway. During this time, the attacker was shouting at Mrs Doble as he made it clear that he intended to kill her.

While the attacker continued to shout and make threats, Kieran asked him to leave but he refused. Kieran then rugby tackled him and persisted in preventing him from reaching his mother. As a result, Kieran received a 30cm slash across his chest, a wound to his upper right arm, several slashes to his chin and a life threatening slash to the left side of his neck. Kieran's girlfriend who was also in the hallway, alerted Mrs Doble that Kieran was being attacked. Mrs Doble came into the hallway and on witnessing what was happening, tried to protect Kieran by placing herself between him and the attacker. As a result, Mrs Doble received a cut to her arm from the attacker who was swinging his knife around.

Mrs Doble managed to break away and alerted the police by phone. However, she was in no fit state to explain what was happening and on realising this, Kieran took over from her and relayed helpful information to the police. The neighbour was at this point still attacking the family and his offensive threats could be heard in the background of the phone call. To protect themselves, the family sought refuge in various parts of the house. At this point, the attacker left and not long after was arrested at his home by armed police officers.

Matthew Daley and Jody Leonardi, Nottinghamshire Police

Armed assailant (24 October 2018)

On 24 October 2018 shortly after midnight, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue received a report that a fire had broken out at a former care home, housing the elderly and people with learning difficulties or other needs. On arrival, the Fire Service were confronted by a male holding a handgun. The fire brigade withdrew and requested police.

Whilst waiting for armed officers to arrive on the scene, Sergeant Matthew Daley, the initial Police Commander at the scene, moved to the rear of the building with the Fire Commander to assess the danger posed by the fire to the residents. Information was relayed that there were potentially over 50 residents trapped and an armed suspect in the burning building. It could be seen that one ground floor flat was completely engulfed in flames, and flames were licking up against the flats to both the left and right, and also the flats

above. A short time later, armed officers arrived on scene to escort firefighters to the rear of the building where they could begin fighting the fire. Whilst this was happening other armed officers entered the building to try and locate the suspect. The suspect was sighted in possession of a black handgun, but had moved into a smoke-filled part of the building and officers were not in a position to follow. A description of the suspect was passed to all officers on scene in case they sighted him.

Whilst waiting at the side of the building supervising its evacuation, Sergeant Daley recognised that the suspect could exit the building of his own accord. He ensured that all unarmed officers were aware of the suspect's description. Armed officers were at the rear of the premises. The male unexpectedly presented at the front of the premises, near the other residents, fire and ambulance personnel and unarmed police officers. Fearing the suspect would shoot his officers, Sergeant Daley started to run towards the suspect. Temporary Sergeant Leonardi, who stood with Sergeant Daley, had also seen the suspect and also ran towards him, immediately behind Sergeant Daley. As they approached the suspect, he raised the handgun and struck Sergeant Daley over the head. Temporary Sergeant Leonardi struck the suspect with his baton. The officers struggled with the suspect and managed to force him to the floor, recovering the firearm from him.

The actions of these two officers was courageous, utterly selfless and displayed extreme bravery in the face of such immediate danger toward not only themselves, but other officers, other emergency services personnel and the vulnerable occupants of the building. The suspect was extremely large and had warning markers for violence and previous firearms offences.

Mark Fletcher, Lancashire Constabulary

Fire (30 July 2017)

On 30 July 2017 at 10:45 pm, police were contacted following reports of a house fire. PC Mark Fletcher and a colleague were on duty and arrived within minutes as the first officers in attendance. PC Fletcher recorded the incident on his body camera from start to finish.

He became aware of a ground floor window which was open and could see that the house was ablaze in the kitchen. A small child was sat on the window ledge inside the premises. PC Fletcher immediately pulled the child through the window and to safety in the arms of a neighbour in attendance. The child survived the incident but had around 20% burns and has had multiple operations during a lengthy period in hospital to aid her injuries.

PC Fletcher became aware of two persons on the floor inside the premises. After making a number of unsuccessful attempts to kick through the uPVC front door, PC Fletcher is heard on his body camera to say that he is going into the premises. He smashed the ground floor window and climbed in to the premises which was ablaze and was able to open the front door. Assisted by a member of the public, the officer went back into the premises and carried the victim out. She was still alive at the time, but died some time later. This was Leanne Collopy, also nominated for an award. The officer returned inside

the premises and, with assistance, carried out a man who was identified as the offender for the incident and who survived the fire.

The actions of PC Fletcher saved the life of two people: a child who was just short of her second birthday and the offender, who was subsequently arrested and charged with murder. In early 2018, the suspect appeared in court where he pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to life imprisonment. The victim, Ms Collopy, passed away as a result of multiple stab wounds and burns, but the officer's actions maximised the possibility of her survival.

Protecting small islands from climate change and natural disasters

My name is Tariq Ahmad, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon. I am one of those developed states, as Minister of State in the Foreign Office, with the responsibility for the Commonwealth and the United Nations. I am also the Minister for the Caribbean.

I remember all too well the challenges of climate change more broadly, but quite specifically, I was with the Prime Minister when Hurricane Maria actually hit the Caribbean. I saw myself, Prime Minister, the devastation in your country and working with teams. Again whilst the tragedy of the Bahamas is there for all of us to see, I think there has been progress over the last two years in terms of the nature of a coordinated response, the ability to get supplies there as quickly as possible, but undoubtedly – and you're quite right, I've been listening to the various contributions – there is immense challenge. It's not just about turning up and signing declarations. It's not just even – and I speak as a major contributor – pledging funds and making those available. What we're challenged by here is the ability for Small Island Developing States to actually access that particular finance and certainly I'm keen to hear, but also to share the fact that we recognise that.

I'm delighted we're joined by the World Bank. In a previous life, I spent 20 years in the City of London so I am acutely aware of some of the innovations in climate financing that we need to develop. And for that matter, I'm proud to announce also that in the early part of next year, notwithstanding some of our domestic challenges in the United Kingdom, we're looking forward to hosting a specific meeting directly aimed at Small Island Developing States and their ability and improving the accessibility to access finance. And we'll look forward to hosting that in London so we can get the mechanics addressed and the issues which are repeatedly raised with me.

I hear all the time; "It's all very well, Tariq, you know, you've announced as funding here," but the ability to access that finally funding is a major hurdle. So I'm delighted to be here and look forward to the discussion

Question: Accessing finance eligibility rules remain a challenge for many SIDs. How can we address the issue which SIDs face in this area?

Answer: Well, I think partly in our opening remarks, we've sought to address that. I think undoubtedly the issue of our current systems and how finances access, frankly and bluntly put, aren't geared towards enabling that accessibility. And that's why, as I mentioned earlier, we're seeking to address that issue quite directly by getting quite specifically – and I think this meeting is a great example of getting the ball rolling on it – but with a quite specific technical focus on what needs to be done. That includes getting the right financiers in the room, the right countries in the room, but most importantly the SIDs in the room as well so we can address directly the barriers on accessing finance. And as I said, we will be circulating details of that particular meeting. But I think what is very clear – I mean, I could go through a raft of announcements that we've made; Prime Minister Johnson, when he was here earlier in the week, in terms of the new contributions, in terms of the initiatives of climate change, that money, I come back to the point it is only as good as once it's accessibility is there. Prime Minister, both of you know better than I. But as a minister who's been around the Caribbean, I saw firsthand after Hurricane Maria and Hurricane Irma devastated the Caribbean, our territories were impacted. I remember walking around Grand Turk, the Turks and Caicos Islands, and actually there was a semblance of something from an old war movie for the Second World War. We understand the devastation. And I assure you, we're an island state, the United Kingdom. We're developed, but we're an island state; we understand the challenges that's posed. But the issues must be about accessibility. So what are the real barriers so that the systems reflect the money that is available? But I also, just picking up on the Chief Executive's point from the World Bank, when you look at the stats, there has been money allocated, money is going through, but we still need to do much more in that sphere.

Question: A more specific question, Excellency. The SOMOA Pathway requires a need to build a resilient economy in societies. What is the role of a country like United Kingdom in support of SIDs to address issues of resilience and climate change?

Answer: Well, we were delighted to be asked by the Secretary-General to lead on the resilience strand. Again, experience of a wonderful insight into what needs to be done. From the hurricanes that hit in 2017 to where we are today. In the Bahamas – Darren isn't here, but I can see a representative here – Darren Hadfield and I was constantly when the Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas. One of things we insured over the last two years, working with key partners in the region, working with partners who have interests in the region, such as the Netherlands and France, the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, our own overseas territories, is to establish, if I can put it very bluntly, a real checklist of who's got what asset in the area, who's got what capability in the area. Where should the coordination work? Simple things. For example, we went out early in the market to ensure that we already had contracts signed to enable whatever was required as an immediate response. Contracts had already been banked. So the question was, last year,

thankfully, we didn't need to trigger those. This year we have that. We can access those particular contracts and make it work.

The other area is, of course, in terms of immediate relief and support. We have specifically allocated one of our own ships, RFA Mounts Bay, to the region. And again, in response to the challenge that Bahamas faced with Hurricane Dorian, it was the first vessel that was able to enter and provide that immediate relief. And if I could say so – and I'm sure, Prime Minister, you experienced this directly – is that not just that immediate physical relief, but it's that hope that actually this has hit us and there's people that care and it matters. That's phase one. Phase two is very much in terms of providing the structured financing. We haven't quite specifically over the last few years focussed our attention in this respect. And since the hurricanes, we've invested, for example, 360 million pounds on climate resilient infrastructure in nine specific Caribbean countries. That's not just announcing it, but working with the Caribbean countries in terms of where that focus should be. We've also recently committed a further £1.4 billion to the Green Climate Fund, a fifth of which has been spent on Small Island Developing States. Now, high level – and of course we've got details of how that is being spent quite specifically, which I can certainly share with member states – but we have many states from the Caribbean present here today. I've certainly sought through working with them directly and also through organizations such as CEDEMA that we are not a remote partner. We're in the region, we're working with you and we'll continue to do so.

Brexit preparedness: Correspondence with the EU Institutions

In a letter on the 25 September the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union set out that a deal remains the UK's primary objective. However, he also made clear that it is the responsibility of both the UK and the EU to protect our citizens and to prepare our businesses for the possibility that agreement cannot be reached on the Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration. To that end, the Secretary of State outlined that there are a number of areas that would benefit from structured engagement and exchange of information.

The European Chief Negotiator Michel Barnier has now replied to the Secretary of State.