

## [Bovine TB: Direction on licensing of badger control operations in Derbyshire](#)

A Direction not to grant any badger culling licences for disease control purposes in Derbyshire. This applies between 6 September 2019 and 1 May 2020.

This Direction is from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to Natural England.

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## [The National Careers Service course directory is changing](#)

As part of the measures to make the course directory easier for providers to add their course information, providers will see: a new simple interface, fewer fields to complete and mandatory learning aim reference (LAR) codes.

The changes will also make information more relevant for potential learners so they can find out what is on offer in their area and contact providers.

ESFA has developed the new improved course directory by putting user research central to the changes that have been made. They have tailored the tools through rigorous testing by real users.

The [Course Directory](#) is a database comprising records of learning opportunities for people over the age of 16 delivered by all providers contracted with Department for Education.

Providers are responsible for maintaining their records in the Course Directory and the records are displayed through Find a Course, Find Apprenticeship Training and other public and private sector websites. This enables citizens and businesses to look for different types of learning in their area and generates referrals to providers across the country.

Providers will be contacted in the next couple of months to let them know when changes will be happening and to help them manage the changes to their information. In the meantime, the support team are on hand to help and to answer any questions on [support@coursedirectoryproviderportal.org.uk](mailto:support@coursedirectoryproviderportal.org.uk) or 0844 811 5073.

Changes to the course directory are part of a wider programme of improvement to digital services provided by the National Careers Service.

The National Careers Service is available to anyone over the age of 13 in England and provides careers advice and guidance to help people make decisions on learning, training and work.

The National Careers Service takes a digital first approach to allow users who are able, to self-serve and find the information they need. We work closely with teachers, careers advisers and citizens to ensure our tools can be used both independently and part of face to face careers sessions.

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## [FCO statement following the death of Robert Mugabe](#)



A Foreign Office spokesperson said:

There are mixed emotions in Zimbabwe today at the death of Robert Mugabe.

We express our condolences to those who mourn Robert Mugabe's death. However, Zimbabweans suffered for too long as a result of Mugabe's autocratic rule.

We hope that in this new era, Zimbabwe can continue to be set on a more democratic and prosperous path.

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# Get your business ready for Brexit



Supporting businesses to prepare for Brexit on 31 October is our top priority. We want businesses to prepare so that they can take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead. Some businesses will have specific questions and concerns, but the whole of government is stepping up a gear and increasing the pace of our preparations as we get ready to leave on 31 October.

## **Sign up for news and events**

We hold regular Business Readiness Forums for trade associations, business representative bodies and business intermediaries. Experts across government speak about the areas that will affect businesses and how best to prepare for Brexit. These forums are available online through WebEx and are held at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in London. A weekly bulletin follows providing the latest guidance to signpost your networks to with resources to help businesses prepare for Brexit.

A series of regional events for individual businesses will be commencing shortly, further information will follow.

For further details on how trade associations and business intermediaries can register for the forum or to subscribe to the bulletin email [sed@beis.gov.uk](mailto:sed@beis.gov.uk).

## **Additional help and support**

As we leave the EU, there's a wide range of support available that can help your business thrive and grow.

### **Further Support**

#### **Help to Export**

- [Exporting is GREAT](#) have comprehensive export advice, trade finance and live market opportunities for small or mid-sized businesses interested in or currently selling internationally

## Help to Grow

- The [British Business Bank Finance Hub](#) can help you understand the finance options available to grow your business
- [Local Growth Hubs](#) join up national and local business support so it is easy for businesses in England to find the help they need
- [Be The Business](#) for inspiration, practical tools and resources to boost your business's productivity

## Help to innovate

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# [New guide for parents of LGBT+ children](#)

The guide provides advice to parents of LGBT+ children who are part of the armed forces community and features case studies of a number of individuals working in the military or as civil servants.

Military life has unique pressures which can affect the children of service personnel, including regular relocation and change in schooling. The guide raises awareness of LGBT+ issues and includes advice and personal experiences of how military life can affect the parents of LGBT+ children.

It includes a number of tips and general advice for parents to create the best possible experience and covers a number of the common myths around having an LGBT+ child.

The new document also features the unique perspectives of Group Captain Tony Keeling OBE, a Station Commander at RAF Wittering, and his wife Mrs Bobby Keeling, whose son came out at the age of 15. Sergeant Major Mark Hill MBE, a Youth Engagement Officer, also provides his perspective in having a transgender daughter.

The guide also outlines a number of the resources available that provide a wide range of advice, support, meet-ups and events with other parents in similar situations.

Ministry of Defence LGBT+ Allies have created a guide to help parents currently going through related circumstances, whilst providing valuable information and raising awareness.

Chief of Defence People Richard Nugee said:

As a parent myself, it is important for the next generation to have the support they need and for parents to know that there is plenty of support out there for them too.

This guide will help raise awareness for defence personnel and underlines our commitment to being an organisation which reflects UK society.

The armed forces has long recognised the valuable contribution LGBT+ service personnel make to defence and this year all three services again featured in Stonewall's Top 100 Employers for LGBT+ people. The earlier in the year MOD announced new measures to create more modern and flexible accommodation, including allowing cohabitation of same-sex couples, in MOD properties.

View the: [Guide for parents of LGBT+ children](#) (PDF, 1.08MB, 20 pages)