

## Probate work moves to courts and tribunals service centre

- User satisfaction for online service at 92%
- All digital probate work now to be managed at service centre
- Birmingham Probate Registry to close on 31 August 2019

Following the launch of the digital probate service in July 2018, more than 20,000 applications have been received with user satisfaction at 92%.

The Birmingham Courts and Tribunal Service Centre will now process all online applications, while new paper applications received by post will be redirected to the Newcastle Registry Office.

The existing probate registry based at the Priory Courts in Birmingham will close on 31st August 2019 and all affected staff have been redeployed within HM Courts and Tribunals Service.

Service centres are being set up as part of a £1 billion reform programme delivered by HMCTS. These bring trained expertise together under one roof and use technology to solve queries more efficiently.

New paper cases can now be sent to Newcastle District Probate Registry, No 1 Waterloo Square, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE1 4DR. People wishing to hand-deliver paper copies or documents in Birmingham will still be able to do this at the old Birmingham registry, at The Priory Courts, 33 Bull Street, B4 6DU.

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## New technologies for manufacturing drugs: apply for funding

New drugs and therapies that meet the needs of individual patients have the potential to revolutionise healthcare in the UK. Manufacturing these new drugs and getting them to the patient at the right time is a significant challenge for UK businesses.

The UK Government's Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF) Leading-edge Healthcare Challenge is investing £181 million to speed up the development of these new medicines and get them to patients.

A large part of this investment is in facilities to improve the UK's ability to manufacture new drugs and treatments. Innovate UK, as part of UK Research and Innovation, has up to £3.7 million from the fund to invest in projects developing new technologies that will support the commercial manufacture of

new drugs.

## **Projects must focus on advanced therapies**

Projects must focus on gene therapy, engineered tissue or cell therapy and work with standards bodies such as [National Physical Laboratory](#), the [LGC Group](#) (formerly Laboratory of the Government Chemist), [BSI](#) (British Standards Institution).

They should use external technology to look at ways of improving process mechanisation that will support the commercial manufacture of the new drugs and therapies they have developed.

Projects must show how they will increase productivity, competitiveness, capability or growth for at least one of the UK businesses involved.

## **Competition information**

- the competition opens on 27 August 2019, and the deadline for applications is at midday on 25 September 2019
- businesses of any size may apply
- we expect projects to range in size between £1 million and £2 million
- a briefing event will be held on 3 September 2019

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## **New boost to increase diversity in nation's cyber security industry**

The third round of funding through the Cyber Skills Immediate Impact Fund (CSIIF) has been launched today by Cyber Security Minister Nigel Adams.

The Fund aims to increase the number and diversity of people entering the cyber security profession, with training providers able to bid for up to £100,000 to work with employers and design training programmes which retrain a diverse range of individuals for a career in cyber security.

Alongside this Mr Adams has also announced that after a competitive grant competition, the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) has been appointed the lead organisation in charge of designing and delivering the new UK Cyber Security Council, alongside a wider alliance of cyber security professional organisations.

The UK Cyber Security Council will aim to coordinate the existing professional landscape, to make cyber security a well structured and easy to navigate profession which represents, supports and drives excellence going forward.

Cyber Security Minister Nigel Adams said:

The UK is a world leader in tackling cyber attacks but we must make sure we continue to develop the talent we need to protect the public and business online.

This latest round of funding demonstrates our commitment to make sure the UK's cyber security industry has a skilled and diverse workforce and, through our new Cyber Security Council, there are clear paths for those wishing to join the profession.

Simon Edwards, IET Director of Governance and External Engagement, said:

It's fundamental that cyber security is seen as a nationally recognised and established profession with clear career pathways. The IET, alongside an alliance of professional cyber security organisations, will bring together the credibility and knowledge across a wide range of disciplines to further strengthen the UK's

leadership position in cyber security innovation and resilience on the global stage. With cyber skills shortages already emerging at every level, we are committed to working with the Government and the National Cyber Security Centre on delivering the rapid, yet capable development of specialist cyber skills to meet the growing needs of the industry, manage risk and secure the next generation of talent.

Jacqueline de Rojas, President, techUK said:

As businesses become ever more reliant on digital tools, the need for a skilled and professional cyber workforce in the UK has increased. Yet the Government's National Cyber Security Skills Strategy found that more than half of all businesses and charities in the UK have a basic cyber security skills gap.

Increasing diversity in the sector is one way in which we can seek to plug the growing cyber skills gap, and that is why initiatives like the Immediate Impact Fund are so important. Coupled with the creation of a new Cyber Security Council that will create clearer pathways for people entering the sector, these announcements will go a long way to ensuring that we create and nurture our cyber professionals and continue making the UK the safest place to be online.

## Notes

- The deadline for applications to the Cyber Skills Immediate Impact Fund (CSIIF) is the 27th September.
- Twelve initiatives have already received support from CSIIF with more than 400 people benefitting from training opportunities.