

Press release: UK exports more vaccines than any other G7 country

- UK exports of vaccines in 2018 clocked in at £3.2 billion, more than any other G7 economy.
- Exports of vaccines to the USA are worth £2.2 billion, having nearly quadrupled in value since 2013.
- Exports of vaccines to Sub-Saharan Africa are now worth more than £20 million
- UK based vaccine manufacturers Seqirus are expanding their Liverpool site due to massive global demand.

Latest HMRC data shows UK exports of vaccines reached £3.2 billion in 2018, more than any other G7 nation and the 3rd highest in the world.

5 years ago, UK vaccine exports were worth £1.2 billion and have since nearly tripled in value. The vaccines sold by the UK protect the people all over the world from diseases such as measles and influenza.

Growing demand from the USA has been the main driver with exports there increasing rapidly from £449.3 million in 2013, to £2.2 billion in 2018. The USA now accounts for over two-thirds of all UK vaccine exports.

More recently, British vaccines have been met with fierce demand from Asia, with exports to China increasing over the past year by 287.4% to £122.4 million. This is somewhat remarkable given exports to the country 10 years ago were worth under £5 million.

Similarly, exports to Mexico in 2008 were worth just £3,000, and are now amounting to £46.2 million. During the same period exports to Canada increased from under £500,000 to heights of £52.6 million, demonstrating the rapidly growing appetite for British medical innovation in North America.

Encouragingly, exports of vaccines to Sub-Saharan Africa, a region where deadly diseases such as HIV are most prevalent, have increased from just £2.2 million in 2008 to £20.7 million in 2018.

Secretary of State for International Trade, Dr Liam Fox, said:

I want to thank the thousands of people across the country working tirelessly to produce vaccines to help fight deadly diseases such as influenza, measles, and hepatitis, not just in the UK, but

across the world.

The UK is famous for its effective and reliable pharmaceuticals sector which continues to invest in new technologies to improve the quality of lives of people at home and abroad. This trust in the products it produces is reflected in the sheer levels of demand for UK manufactured vaccines, as we continue to secure more overseas revenue than any other G7 nation.

The Department for International Trade will continue to work with our fantastic NHS and pharmaceutical companies up and down the country to ensure people from all regions of the world can fight devastating diseases with the help of British innovation.

Leading vaccine producers, Seqirus has its global headquarters in Maidenhead, the UK, and produces and ships vaccines across the globe every year.

Its production site in Liverpool houses the largest vaccine manufacturing facility in the UK and is a centre of excellence for the production of an enhanced influenza vaccine for older adults. The site employs 650 highly skilled staff and manufactures over 50 million doses of seasonal influenza vaccines each year for local supply and global export.

To meet increasing demand for its products, the company is currently expanding its manufacturing capacity at Liverpool and recently expanded its headquarters at Maidenhead.

The Influenza virus constantly evolves and modifies itself, which requires new vaccines to be produced every winter and a constant surveillance of outbreaks and a potential pandemic threat.

The growth of its UK production and the use of technology such as cell-culture and egg-based manufacturing technology the company is helping to keep the deadly virus at bay.

News story: Competition will breathe new life into an old Pacer train

- Rail Minister calls for ideas on how a Pacer train could be renovated to serve communities
- an old Pacer could be transformed into a community space, cafe or new village hall
- Pacers will be phased out this year and replaced by new and refurbished trains across the north

An old Pacer could be transformed into a community space, a café or even a new village hall after Rail Minister Andrew Jones announced that a call for ideas will be launched on how the Pacer could be renovated to continue to serve communities.

After more than 3 decades of service, Pacers are being phased out alongside the introduction of a fleet of entirely new and refurbished trains across the northern network, delivering more modern and frequent services with extra seats for passengers in the north.

This summer, rail industry partners will launch a competition offering community groups the opportunity to put forward their plans to convert a Pacer into a new public space.

The Pacer will be donated by rolling stock company Porterbrook.

Rail Minister Andrew Jones said:

The Pacers have been the workhorses of the north's rail network, connecting communities for more than 30 years, but it is clear that they have overstayed their welcome.

That is why they are being phased out completely to make way for new or fully-refurbished trains, improving journeys and creating space for 40,000 more passengers

Through this competition we can ensure that the Pacer can be transformed to serve a community near where it carried passengers in an entirely different way. What we need now are creative and exciting proposals from the public, alongside ideas from businesses keen to support this competition, as we say goodbye to Pacers on our railway.

Northern Powerhouse Minister Jake Berry MP said:

Making the north one of the best connected regions in the UK is at the heart of our ambition for a thriving [Northern Powerhouse](#). Replacing Pacers with a brand new fleet of trains is not just great news for passengers, it now provides this exciting opportunity for our grassroots community groups across the north to bring people together through this competition.

I travelled to school on a Pacer train and I look forward to getting on board again to see how these old carriages will continue to provide a valuable service for many years to come.

Senior sponsor at Network Rail, Andrew Morgan, said:

As part of the Great North Rail Project, we have lengthened

platforms, remodelled track and altered Victorian structures across the north. These upgrades have paved the way for new and refurbished longer trains, allowing the pacer train to be phased out.

Managing Director of Arriva Rail North, David Brown, said:

Northern is introducing 101 new trains worth £500 million, the first of these new trains will be carrying customers this summer, and at the same time we will start to retire the Pacer trains. Using a Pacer as a valued community space is a very fitting way to commemorate the service they have provided since they entered service a generation ago.

More than 100 new trains will be rolled out by Northern and TransPennine Express from this year, offering more comfortable seats and improved accessibility.

It comes as part of a significant investment by both government, Network Rail and train operators as part of the Great North Rail Project to transform the national rail network, delivering more than 4,500 new carriages to UK passengers.

Making the north one of the best-connected regions in the UK is at the heart of the government's ambition for a thriving Northern Powerhouse.

Department for Transport is investing £13 billion through to 2020 to transform transport across the region and is focussed on supercharging transport connections for years through our support for HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail.

Between 2019 and 2024, the government will also invest around £3 billion further in upgrading the Transpennine route between Manchester, Leeds and York to deliver faster, more frequent and more reliable journeys with more seats.

On Sunday 19 May (2019) the rail industry launched a new timetable that has seen around 1,000 extra services a week added across the country.

[News story: PM appoints new members of Senior Salaries Review Body](#)

The Prime Minister has approved the appointment of Miss Pippa Greenslade and Mr David Sissling as members of the Senior Salaries Review Body (SSRB), with

immediate effect. The appointment is for a term of three years. The SSRB provides independent advice to the Prime Minister and ministers on the pay of many of the nation's senior public servants.

Biography of Miss Pippa Greenslade

Miss Pippa Greenslade was Group Human Resources Director of Bakkavor plc, a global provider of fresh prepared foods from 2013-2018. Previous roles include Global Human Resources Director at the British Council and senior HR positions with Cadbury plc.

She is currently a Trustee of Christian Aid and was a Trustee of the Whitehall and Industry Group between 2014 and 2019.

Biography of Mr David Sissling

The early part of David's career was in the private sector. He joined the NHS in 1993 and he has subsequently made a wide range of leadership contributions, mainly as a Chief Executive, including a number of regional and national roles. He has also worked at senior levels in the Civil Service.

David is currently working as a Senior Leadership Adviser for NHS England and NHS Improvement.

[News story: The impact of the Magnox waste strategy at Hinkley Point A Site](#)

Magnox is seeking planning permission from Somerset County Council to move a small amount of waste to Hinkley Point A Site for interim storage.



Hinkley Point A Site

A key part of decommissioning the Magnox sites is dealing with radioactive waste. At Hinkley Point A Site, and other Magnox sites, a proportion of the

waste that needs to be managed is called intermediate level waste (ILW). This ILW needs to be packaged and stored in Interim Storage Facilities (ISFs), before its eventual disposal at a national Geological Disposal Facility (GDF).

The work follows several years of discussion and engagement with local stakeholders around the country about Magnox's waste strategies across all our sites.

Several public drop-in sessions will be held to allow you to find out more – the details of which are below.

Date	Venue	Time
22 May 2019	Bridgewater Town Hall	1700 – 1900
05 June 2019	Cannington Village Hall	1100 – 1300
05 June 2019	Stogursey Church Rooms	1700 – 1900
11 June 2019	Bridgewater Town Hall	1000 – 1200
11 June 2019	Wembdon Village Hall	1400 – 1600

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Thank you for your feedback

[News story: Home Office to scrap 101 non-emergency number charges](#)



The Home Secretary has today (28 May) announced he is scrapping charges for the 101 police non-emergency number.

The move will make the number free of charge for all members of the public,

including victims of crime, from April 2020.

The Home Office will invest £5 million a year to fund the service, which receives around 30 million calls annually.

Callers to the 101 number are connected to their local police force, or a force of their choice, and charged 15p a time.

The Home Secretary Sajid Javid said:

It's vital members of the public have confidence in the police and are able to report any non-emergency incidents in a convenient and accessible way.

Scrapping the charge for making a 101 call will benefit millions of people every year – especially the vulnerable.

We are also continuing to work with the police to develop a new website, the Single Online Home, to provide the public with the option of reporting crime online.

In addition to making 101 calls free, the Home Office is funding police forces to create a new website where the public will be able to contact the police and report crimes online.

The Single Online Home (SOH), is being launched in full in the summer to reflect changes in how the public are interacting with the police.

The 101 service was launched in England and Wales in December 2011, providing a memorable and accessible number for non-emergency contact with the police.

It should be used to contact police when an emergency response is not required. For example:

- if your car has been stolen
- if your property has been damaged
- if you suspect drug use or dealing in your neighbourhood
- to give the police information about crime in your area
- to speak to the police about a general enquiry

Members of the public should continue to call the free 999 service for emergencies.