<u>Animal Medicine Improvement notice:</u> <u>Vale Wildlife Hospital &</u> Rehabilitation Centre

News story

Details of an improvement notice served to Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire



This notice was served to Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire by a VMD Inspector during an unannounced inspection.

The following contravened the Veterinary Medicines Regulation (VMR) 2013:

- supply of out-of-date medicines
- possession of unauthorised veterinary medicines
- inadequate Records of administration and supply of veterinary medicines
- inadequate records of administration of veterinary medicines to food producing animals
- advertising cascade use of veterinary medicines both online and in publications for sale

The improvements required are:

- ensure that no veterinary medicines are supplied beyond their manufacturer's use by date or in-use expiry and that out-of-date veterinary medicines are disposed of accordingly.
- ensure all veterinary medicines accepted into stock are obtained in line with the VMR. All veterinary medicines should be correctly sourced under the prescribing cascade or have a valid import certificate from the VMD.
- ensure that records of receipt, administration, supply and disposal of medicines are in accordance with Regulations 18, 19 and Regulation 23 of the VMR, which list the details to be recorded for both food producing and non-food producing species.
- ensure that records of products administered under the cascade, to

- species which may enter the food chain (i.e., deer, pigeons, rabbits, game birds) are in accordance with Regulation 24, which lists the details which must be recorded.
- remove reference to any veterinary medicines, which breach the VMR, including dosing charts in the online material highlighted by the inspector and remove from eBay and all online retail sites or pages as well as the Vale Wildlife shops, all publications which make reference to veterinary medicines, which breach the VMR, and dosing charts until these can be altered to ensure compliance with Regulation 10 and Regulation 11 of the VMR.

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<u>Call for bids in Myanmar: Magna Carta</u> Fund 2021 to 2022

World news story

The Magna Carta Fund for Human Rights and Democracy (MCFHRD) is the FCDO's dedicated strategic fund supporting our global human rights and democracy work.



The British Embassy Yangon has £65,000 GBP available for work in support of human rights for fiscal year 2021 to 2022.

Themes/objectives

All project bids must aim to promote, protect, and improve human rights and the rule of law in Myanmar. Issues on which we welcome bids include, but are not limited to, the below:

- countering hate speech
- freedom of religion or belief and cultural rights
- freedom of expression, including media freedom and academic freedom

We welcome bids from organisations based in Myanmar and internationally. Projects do not have to implement inside Myanmar.

Selection criteria

Bids will be assessed against the following criteria:

- project impact: delivering sustainable, meaningful change to human rights in Myanmar
- project viability: including the capacity of implementing organisation to deliver outcomes
- project design: there must be clear links between the proposed activity and the project outcomes
- risk management: robust analysis of key risks, and a plan of action to

- manage and mitigate those risks
- value for money: including the number of direct beneficiaries and the scale of achievable outcomes

We draw your attention to the below key points:

- proposals can be up to £65,000 (approximately \$89,000)
- the entire project must begin and complete in the period 01 December 2021 and 31 March 2022
- all funding must be activity-based (ie: not for general staff costs, office rental etc.)

How to bid

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UK's new simplified travel system takes off from today

- new simplified travel system with a single red list and the rest of the world comes into force from 4 October at 4am
- fully vaccinated travellers from over 50 countries and territories have simpler, cheaper rules, with just a single post arrival test needed
- changes come as UK government welcomes fully vaccinated residents of over 50 countries and territories who can travel like fully vaccinated UK travellers

From 4am today (Monday 4 October 2021), the UK's new travel system comes into force with countries and territories categorised as either red or the rest of the world.

The <u>new simplified travel system</u> also means that eligible fully vaccinated passengers and eligible under-18s returning from over 50 countries and territories not on the red list, can do so without needing to complete a predeparture test (PDT), a day 8 test or enter a 10-day self-isolation period, making it easier for those travelling — whether that's to see friends and family, or on business trips.

As announced last month, the new rules also mean that from later in October eligible fully vaccinated passengers with an approved vaccine and recognised certificate from a country not on the red list will be able to replace their day 2 test with a cheaper lateral flow test, reducing the cost of tests on arrival into England. The government aims to have this in place for when people return from half-term breaks.

Anyone testing positive will need to isolate and take a confirmatory PCR test, at no additional cost, which would be genomically sequenced to help identify new variants.

Transport Secretary Grant Shapps said:

We are accelerating towards a future where travel continues to reopen safely and remains open for good, and today's rule changes are good news for families, businesses and the travel sector.

Our priority remains to protect public health but, with more than 8 in 10 people now fully vaccinated, we are able to take these steps to lower the cost of testing and help the sector to continue in its recovery.

Also from today, under-18s from the over 50 countries whose vaccination status the UK recognises will not need to present a negative PDT before travelling to England. This applies regardless of their vaccination status.

All under-11s, regardless of where they are travelling from, are already exempt from pre-departure testing for arrival in the UK. If children aged 11 and over are not travelling from one of the 50-plus countries and territories where vaccines are recognised, they will be required to follow the same rules as for unvaccinated passengers.

From today, we are expanding our vaccinated policy to a further 18 countries, including the United Arab Emirates, Japan and Canada. The recognised vaccines are Pfizer BioNTech, Oxford AstraZeneca (including Covidshield), Moderna and Janssen (J&J).

This builds on the UK government's successful pilot phase with Europe and the US, and brings the total number of countries in scope of the policy to over 50, with more countries and territories being added in the coming weeks.

Those eligible must have a document from a national or state-level public health authority that includes certain information including name, date of birth and vaccination details, as set out in guidance on GOV.UK.

The government has maintained it would take a phased approach to recognising vaccines administered by other countries and territories, building on the success of the pilot with the US and Europe.

Fully vaccinated residents in other countries not yet part of the inbound policy, as well as those partially vaccinated, will still have to take a predeparture test, PCR tests for day 2 and day 8 after arrival, and self-isolate for 10 days, with the option to test to release after 5 days.

The UK government is continuing to work with international partners as we seek to more regularly expand the policy to further countries and territories.

All arrivals will still need to fill in a <u>passenger locator form</u> ahead of travel. Travellers should continue to check GOV.UK travel guidance including <u>Foreign</u>, <u>Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) travel advice</u> before, during and after travel to keep up to date with entry requirements and ensure compliance with the latest COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 regulations for the country being visited. Passengers should also carefully check booking conditions prior to booking.

<u>Sudan's peace process and democratic</u> transition: Troika statement

News story

Statement from the UK, Norway and USA on the anniversary of the Juba Peace Agreement signing urging progress as part of Sudan's transition to democracy.



The United States, the United Kingdom, and Norway (the Troika) commend the Sudanese people as they celebrate the first anniversary of the signing of Juba Peace Agreement (JPA) on 3 October 2020. This historic agreement responds to the Sudanese people's calls for freedom, peace and justice, especially from those affected by conflict across Sudan as part of the democratic transition. We commend the JPA signatories for upholding their partnership but urge them to recommit to implement the agreement in full.

The Troika applaud the strides made in transitional justice as part of the JPA, including co-operation with the International Criminal Court (ICC), commitment to hand over former President Omar Al Bashir and others subject to international arrest warrants, and progress on establishing the Special Court for Darfur. Due legal process will help to give justice to victims and start the process for reconciliation as part of the JPA and 2019 Constitutional Declaration.

We are however deeply concerned by delays implementing commitments made one year ago. This includes in establishing the Peace Commission, Monitoring and

Evaluation Mechanism, the Transitional Legislative Assembly, and establishing the Darfur Security Keeping Forces and JPA security arrangements. Progress is needed now. We urge all JPA signatories to demonstrate leadership and work together to refocus on implementation to deliver much needed peace and security for ordinary people. Special efforts should be made to meet the ambitious goals set in the Constitutional Declaration and JPA for the involvement of women.

The Troika is also disappointed with the loss of momentum in peace talks with the SPLM-N (Abdelaziz al-Hilu). We urge both sides to return to talks in Juba and negotiate on the basis of the March 2021 Declaration of Principles. The Troika note with concern the growing unrest in Eastern Sudan and condemn actions that threaten Sudan's stability and economy. We encourage all parties to engage in dialogue to address legitimate grievances on the basis of the 2019 Constitutional Declaration and the JPA.

The Troika remain committed to supporting the Government of Sudan and the JPA parties to deliver their vision for lasting peace as part of the democratic transition agreed in 2019. Sustainable peace will require consistent and dedicated Sudanese-led efforts to implement the JPA. Our hope remains that this will be done so in a timely manner so all Sudanese can benefit from equitable development, a new constitution, equal citizenship, and the opportunity to choose a democratically elected government. The Troika looks forward to continuing our support to the parties and all Sudanese in that vision and the realisation of a lasting peace.

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Police & Local Authorities given extra £23.5m for safer streets

- Successful bids from the third round of the Safer Streets Fund announced
- Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and local authorities across England and Wales to receive a total of £23.5 million on top of the £18.4 million already awarded this year for the second round of the Fund
- Funding will go towards local projects aimed at increasing the safety of public spaces for all with a particular focus on tackling violence against women and girls

Police forces and local authorities across England and Wales, are to receive a share of £23.5million to make public spaces safer for all through projects to help women and girls feel safer on our streets as part of the Government's Safer Streets Fund.

Created with the objective of tackling local acquisitive crimes like car theft and burglary, the latest round of the Safer Streets Fund has a particular emphasis on the safety of women and girls. The investment will go to police forces and local authorities across England and Wales as well as the British Transport Police to spend in the 21/22 financial year.

Crimes which take place in public places such as sexual harassment disproportionately affect women. Recipients of funding have submitted bids for innovative plans to increase the safety of public spaces, including projects which emphasise changing attitudes and behaviours in local communities.

Since its inception, the Government has committed £70 million to the Safer Streets Fund to support local areas across England and Wales to introduce initiatives aimed at stopping offences happening in the first place.

Round two saw 50 projects across England and Wales awarded a total of £18.4 million to go towards measures proven to cut crime, including simple changes to the design of streets such as locked gates around alleyways, increased street-lighting and the installation of CCTV.

Safer Streets is just one of the ways Government is working to tackle violence against women and girls.

In August we published the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, which commits to radically changing how we stop violence and abuse using a whole system approach, focused on long term change alongside immediate practical action to improve women's physical safety in public spaces.

This includes funding new police lead Deputy Chief Constable Maggie Blyth, to set the policing strategy for tackling violence against violence towards women and girls across England and Wales and plans to launch a large scale public campaign with the aim of challenging attitudes and changing behaviours.

Last month the Home Office and National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) launched StreetSafe, an online mapping tool which allows all members of the public to flag areas where they don't feel safe and say why.

Primarily, but not exclusively, aimed at women and girls, the data collected from StreetSafe will allow police to understand specific concerns and use the information to make decisions on safety in the area.

More widely, since its inception last year, the Safer Streets Fund has allowed forces and local authorities to invest in transformative crime prevention initiatives.

For example, in Humberside, in one of the most deprived estates in the country, funding has gone towards upgrading 20 communal entrances to blocks that drive a high level of burglary and installing 18 secure storage facilities for bikes and motorbikes.

Alongside this, they have installed secure fencing and gates and there is now a dedicated community outreach programme to support residents and victims of crime on the estate.

Projects across the country have also focused on setting up Neighbourhood Watch groups, increased Automated Numberplate Recognition Technology and CCTV and introducing wardens to undertake community engagement and train members of the public in crime prevention.

£25m was allocated to this Safer Streets funding round, of which £23.5m is going to successful bidders. A full list of the successful recipients for Round Three of the Safer Streets is as follows:

North East

Lead bidder	Grant funding	awarded(£)	Number	of	bids	covered
Cumbria PCC	191,583.96		1			
Durham PCC	453,813.00		1			
Northumbria PCC	775,397.00		2			
Total	£1,420,793.96					

North West

Lead bidder	<pre>Grant funding awarded(f)</pre>	Number of bids covered
Blackpool Borough Council	550,000.00	1
Cheshire PCC	1,100,000.00	2
Cleveland PCC	381,771.00	1
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	549,744.00	1
Merseyside PCC	269,931.00	1
Total	£2,851,446.00	

South East

Lead bidder	<pre>Grant funding awarded(£)</pre>	Number of bids covered
Essex PCC	550,000.00	1
Hampshire PCC	648,755.06	2
Kent PCC	741,548.00	2
Surrey PCC	174,772.49	1
Sussex PCC	976,781.80	2
Thames Valley PCC	939,940.00	2
Total	£4,031,797.35	

South West

Lead bidder	<pre>Grant funding awarded(£)</pre>	Number of bids covered
Cornwall Council	33,649.06	1
Dorset Council	379,766.00	1

Gloucestershire PCC	1,061,478.00	2
North Somerset Council	324,449.00	1
Plymouth Council	512,082.56	1
Swindon Borough Council	550,000.00	1
Total	£2,861,424.62	

Wales

Lead bidder	Grant funding	awarded(£) Number	of	bids	covered
Dyfed Powys	PCC 155,442.88	1			
Gwent PCC	673,181.32	2			
North Wales	PCC 336,759.50	1			
South Wales	PCC 457,543.00	1			
Total	£1,622,926.70				

West Midlands

Lead bidder Grant funding awarde	Number of bids covered
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council 119,057.00	1
Staffordshire PCC 550,000.00	1
Warwickshire PCC 249,000.00	1
West Mercia PCC 1,027,895.00	2
West Midlands PCC 549,515.00	1
Total £2,495,467.00	

Yorkshire and Humberside

Lead bidder	<pre>Grant funding awarded(£)</pre>	Number of bids covered
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North Yorkshire PCC	306,802.00	1
South Yorkshire PCC	550,000.00	1
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	655,281.30	2
Total	£1,512,083.30	

East of England

Lead bidder	Grant funding awarded(£)	Number of bids covered
Bedfordshire PCC	550,000.00	1
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough PCC	471,314.00	1
Hertfordshire PCC	548,176.00	1
Ipswich Borough Council	124,391.11	1
Norfolk PCC	427,245.70	1
Total	£2,121,126.81	

East Midlands

Lead bidder	Grant fundi	.ng awarded(£)	Number	of	bids	covered
Derby City Council	550,000.00		1			
Leicestershire PCC	550,000.00		1			
Lincolnshire PCC	401,626.46		1			
Northampton Borough Council	513,210.00		1			
Nottinghamshire PCC	1,100,000.0	00	2			
Total	£3,114,836.	46				

London

Lead bidder	Grant funding	awarded(£) Numb	er of	bids	covered
City of London Corporation	28,812.00	1			
Lambeth Council	544,385.62	1			
Southwark Council	353,661.00	1			
Total	£926,858.62				

England and Wales

Lead bidder	<pre>Grant funding awarded(£)</pre>	Number of bids covered
British Transport Police	550,000.00	1
Total	550,000.00	