

Science and research to be at the core of UKHSA

News story

Dr Jenny Harries will give a keynote speech today referencing the ongoing development of the new institution at the Public Health Research and Science Conference 2021.



Public Health England's (PHE) Public Health Research and Science Conference 2021 starts online today and runs for 4 days.

New CEO of the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Jenny Harries, will be setting out the importance of science and research for the institution alongside some of her early thoughts and ambitions for the new organisation.

Dr Harries' keynote speech will set out the importance of science and research for the UKHSA in order to become a global scientific leader.

The 4-day online event will focus on protecting and improving health, including responding to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Throughout the conference, in-depth panel discussions and keynote speeches will take place. These will be on topics across the full spectrum of issues that concern public health practitioners and policymakers globally, including the impact of COVID-19 and horizon scanning for future threats.

Focusing on scientific methods to protect and improve public health, speakers from a variety of organisations including the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO), [Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention](#), and [NHS England and NHS Improvement](#) will speak to around 2,000 delegates virtually.

Dr Jenny Harries, keynote speaker and CEO of the new UK Health Security Agency, said:

Today I will be setting out my thoughts and ambitions for the UK Health Security Agency, which in these difficult times, must

rightly include leading our ongoing fight against COVID-19 and reflecting on the lessons that this pandemic has taught us in order to prevent future threats.

I am committed to ensuring that science and research are at UKHSA's core and that the institution is recognised as a global scientific leader.

Other keynote speakers include:

- Professor Sandi Deans, Genomic Scientific and Laboratory Deputy Director, Genomics Unit, NHS England and NHS Improvement
- Dr Richard Hatchett, Chief Executive Officer, Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations
- Dr Maria Neira, Director of Public Health, Environmental and Social Determinants of Health, WHO
- Dr John Nkengasong, Director, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention
- Dr Soumya Swaminathan, Chief Scientist, WHO

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[April 2021 Transaction Data](#)

News story

This data provides information about the number and types of applications that HM Land Registry completed in April 2021.



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Please note this data shows what HM Land Registry has been able to process during the time period covered and is not necessarily a reflection of market activity.

In April:

- HM Land Registry completed more than 1,760,320 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 420,311

HM Land Registry completed 1,760,322 applications in April compared with 2,081,283 in March and 865,970 last April 2020, of which:

- 292,611 were applications for register updates compared with 357,085 in March
- 959,995 were applications for an official copy of a register compared with 1,109,881 in March
- 215,203 were search and hold queries (official searches) compared with 295,943 in March
- 16,871 were postal applications from non-account holders compared with 19,655 in March

Applications by region and country

| Region/country | February applications | March applications | April applications |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| South East | 404,287 | 496,222 | 420,311 |
| Greater London | 313,058 | 383,607 | 327,723 |
| North West | 200,504 | 234,354 | 197,145 |
| South West | 168,478 | 204,703 | 172,216 |
| West Midlands | 143,091 | 173,871 | 145,539 |
| Yorkshire and the Humber | 133,257 | 161,569 | 135,405 |
| East Midlands | 123,236 | 151,624 | 127,348 |
| North | 79,172 | 96,479 | 81,782 |
| East Anglia | 70,958 | 87,092 | 73,063 |
| Isles of Scilly | 31 | 86 | 54 |
| Wales | 74,644 | 91,590 | 79,622 |
| England and Wales (not assigned) | 92 | 86 | 114 |
| Total | 1,710,808 | 2,081,283 | 1,760,322 |

Top 5 local authority areas

April 2021 applications

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Birmingham 25,144

Top 5 Local authority areas April applications

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|---------------------|--------|
| City of Westminster | 21,544 |
| Leeds | 20,992 |
| Cornwall | 18,957 |
| Buckinghamshire | 18,716 |

March 2021 applications

Top 5 local authority areas March applications

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|---------------------|--------|
| Birmingham | 29,453 |
| City of Westminster | 25,810 |
| Leeds | 24,856 |
| Buckinghamshire | 24,845 |
| Cornwall | 23,256 |

Top 5 customers

April 2021 applications

| Top 5 customers | April applications |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Infotrack Limited | 109,513 |
| Enact | 35,607 |
| TM Group (UK) Ltd (Search Choice) | 29,309 |
| My Home Move Limited | 21,747 |
| O'Neill Patient | 21,004 |

March 2021 applications

| Top 5 customers | March applications |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Infotrack Limited | 109,145 |
| Enact | 47,241 |
| TM Group (UK) Ltd (Search Choice) | 34,906 |
| Optima Legal Services | 28,034 |
| O'Neill Patient | 25,344 |

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Transaction Data is published on the 15th working day of each month. The May data will be published at 11am on Monday 21 June 2021.

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Bankrupt sentenced for fraud after taking £26,000 in credit

Neil Maloney (45), from Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, was sentenced to 21 months, suspended for 2 years, for fraud offences after taking more than £26,000 in credit from a car parts distributor.

Neil Maloney was made bankrupt in December 2015 and his discharge from bankruptcy was suspended indefinitely.

Between May and July 2017, the defendant obtained more than £26,000 credit from a car parts company, claiming he was trading as a business called Transit Parts North West.

The court heard that Neil Maloney presented cheques to the business to pay for the credit from a company bank account in the name Truck & Trailer Exports Ltd.

It was discovered, however, that Neil Maloney was director of the company but that it had been dissolved in 2011 when the bank account was closed.

The Insolvency Service then started an investigation into Neil Maloney.

The investigation found that when the company attempted to recover the debt, a mistake had been made and Neil Maloney's surname was wrongly inputted as 'Matoney'.

Neil Maloney claimed that Neil Matoney was a real person, based in Malta, and Neil Maloney dealt with the day to day running of the company.

The investigation also discovered Neil Maloney had received credit of more than £7,300 from an inheritance which he failed to disclose to the Official Receiver, as he was required to under the terms of his bankruptcy. Instead, Neil Maloney sent the money to his wife.

A statutory demand was also sent, and the defendant agreed to pay the debt. However, the court was told he failed to do so.

The defendant appeared at Preston Crown Court on 22 April for sentencing.

Julie Barnes, chief investigator at the Insolvency Service, said:

Neil Maloney knew and understood the responsibilities and restrictions of his bankruptcy. Despite this, he knowingly breached these by keeping inheritance funds and fraudulently applying for more than £26,000 in credits.

Neil Maloney tried to evade prosecution by claiming the credit was taken by a colleague with an almost identical name, but this case shows we will investigate and pursue wrongdoers to bring them before the courts.

Neil Thomas Maloney is from Oswaldtwistle and his date of birth is January 1976.

The sentence result was announced at Preston Crown Court by Judge Knowles QC.

On 22 April Maloney had pleaded guilty to 5 counts of fraud by false representation, 2 counts of obtaining credit without giving relevant information and 2 counts of non-disclosure.

[Further information about the work of the Insolvency Service, and how to complain about financial misconduct](#)

You can also follow the Insolvency Service on:

[UK condemns actions by the Belarusian authorities: Foreign Secretary statement](#)

Press release

Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab condemns actions by the Belarusian authorities.



Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said:

The UK condemns yesterday's actions by the Belarusian authorities, who arrested journalist Roman Protasevich on the basis of a ruse,

having forced his flight to land in Minsk. Mr Lukashenko must be held to account for his outlandish actions.

The UK calls for the immediate release of Mr Protasevich and other political prisoners held in Belarus. The UK is working with our allies on a coordinated response, including further sanctions. The UK also calls for the ICAO Council to meet urgently to consider the regime's flouting of the international rules safeguarding civil aviation.

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[Mevagissey to receive new flood warning service](#)

Following a significant flood event in Mevagissey in November 2010, the Environment Agency introduced a pilot flood warning service which relayed flood risk information to volunteer flood wardens to disseminate out to the community.

The new flood warning service is a significant improvement in the level of service being offered, with the ability to contact those residents at flood risk directly. This provides more time for the community to take action to protect themselves and their property – crucial in an area that is at risk of flash flooding.

Over 160 properties will be auto-registered to receive flood warnings for the Mevagissey Stream.

Flood warnings tell people about an imminent risk of flooding to their home or business and help people make informed decisions about how to respond. There are 3 types of warning – Flood Alert, Flood Warning and Severe Flood Warning. Each warning type is triggered by particular weather, river or sea conditions which cause flooding.

Householders are encouraged to prepare if they receive a Flood Alert which could mean packing a bag that includes medicines, insurance documents and anything else they wouldn't want to lose if flooding were to take place. A Flood Warning calls on people to act now which means turning off gas, water and electricity and moving family and pets to safety. A Severe Flood Warning means you are in immediate danger and to follow advice from emergency services.

Helen Dobby Environment Agency Area Director said:

We know the devastating impact that flooding can have, which is why protecting people and communities is our top priority.

However, the climate emergency means we cannot prevent all flooding – so we're working to make communities resilient to future flooding.

We want to ensure that everyone has as much time as possible to prepare for flooding which is why we're pleased that people in Mevagissey will now be able to receive our free flood warning service.

Additional funding from the government has enabled the Environment Agency to invest in the latest technology and infrastructure needed to provide a flood warning service in Mevagissey and over 200 other communities across England. In total an additional 62,000 properties at risk of flooding will receive Flood Warnings between now and the end of 2022.

Home and business owners will be auto enrolled to the flood warning service via their mobile network. However, to get the most benefit out of the service the Environment Agency is encouraging people to register directly with them by calling Floodline on 0345 988 1188, or visiting <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings> where they can register preferred contact details.

Notes for editors

- 5.2 million properties in England are at risk of flooding
- The average cost of flood damage to a home is £30,000
- The average cost of flooding to a business is £82,000
- If you are flooded, temporary accommodation costs on average £10,000
- If you are flooded you are likely to be out of your home for an average of 5 months
- Know what to do when you receive a flood warning and download our 3 point flood plan – <https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/what-to-do-in-a-flood>