

October 2020 Transaction Data

News story

This data provides information about the number and types of applications that HM Land Registry completed in October 2020.



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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 October:

- HM Land Registry completed more than 1,761,230 applications to change or query the Land Register
- the South East topped the table of regional applications with 422,216

HM Land Registry completed 1,761,236 applications in October compared with 1,704,591 in September and 1,905,543 last October 2019, of which:

- 267,115 were applications for register updates compared with 271,392 in September
- 981,945 were applications for an official copy of a register compared with 950,164 in September
- 212,982 were search and hold queries (official searches) compared with 197,197 in September
- 15,506 were postal applications from non-account holders compared with 16,358 in September

Applications by region and country

Region/country	August applications	September applications	October applications
South East	355,163	405,032	422,216

Region/country	August applications	September applications	October applications
Greater London	275,735	310,818	325,631
North West	170,636	192,764	196,957
South West	149,120	167,493	174,310
West Midlands	124,753	143,282	148,009
Yorkshire and the Humber	116,805	134,097	134,139
East Midlands	112,849	122,933	124,686
North	69,766	80,185	82,547
East Anglia	64,781	72,439	75,586
Isles of Scilly	39	44	69
Wales	65,061	75,401	77,009
England and Wales (not assigned)	83	103	77
Total	1,504,791	1,704,591	1,761,236

Top 5 local authority areas

October applications

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Birmingham	25,670
City of Westminster	22,889
Leeds	20,087
Cornwall	18,551
Wandsworth	16,548

September applications

Top 5 local authority areas September applications

Birmingham	24,035
City of Westminster	21,642
Leeds	20,150
Cornwall	18,740
Manchester	16,559

Top 5 customers

October applications

Top 5 customers	October applications
Infotrack Limited	98,689
Enact	41,045
TM Group (UK) Ltd (Search Choice)	30,445
O'Neill Patient	25,566

Top 5 customers	October applications
Optima Legal Services	21,799

September applications

Top 5 customers	September applications
Infotrack Limited	92,488
Enact	43,392
O'Neill Patient	29,081
TM Group (UK) Ltd (Search Choice)	21,501
Optima Legal Services	21,436

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[How employers are making the most of apprenticeship incentives](#)

Apprenticeships are jobs which combine practical on-the-job skills training with sustained off-the-job learning, available from entry level to master's degree-equivalent. Your employee will get training in the knowledge, skills and behaviours that are relevant to their job and you will need to pay them a salary.

We've compiled several case studies from businesses making the most of the government incentives, including:

Lookers PLC

Manchester based Lookers PLC, who offer new and used cars from leading manufacturers, are accessing the incentive payments for apprentices to support their apprentice intake this year.

The business has 6,700 employees, and apprentices make up 7% of the workforce. Lookers have 185 apprentice vacancies to fill across the Group,

with 135 vacancies in England, and in scope for the incentive payment for apprentices.

Lookers see the incentive payment for apprentices as a driver to financially secure their apprenticeship program moving forward, and are modelling to bring in considerable funds as a result of the intake before 31st January 2021. These funds will secure future apprenticeships for years to come, under the 95% Government contributed co-investment model.

Matt Clay, Group Qualifications Manager at Lookers said:

We're continuing our investment into apprenticeships, attracting bright young talent into the business. The current climate has the potential to leave a damaging impact on the future of young people, and we're delighted to offer 185 Apprenticeship roles across the Group during this time, enabling opportunities for these young people to build their confidence, skills and experience.

Our continued investment into apprenticeships is a result of the recognised value they generate for the business; for every £1 invested we realise a return of £20. The current Government support package will build upon the commercial impact of our apprentices, enabling us to secure the financial future of the Program, having moved into the Government co-investment model.

Walsall Council

Walsall Council have a workforce of over 7400, with apprentices representing 5.26% per cent of their head count. The Council has recently accessed the incentive payments for apprenticeships, with payment totalling £31,000 so far.

The incentive payments accessed by Walsall Council will support with the recruitment of 19 Teaching Assistants and the associated wage costs in schools, where budgets are tight, and in the recruitment of 2 Level 7 Degree apprentices, to work in finance and business support. The council have plans to recruit apprentices in Motor Vehicle, Customer Service, alongside a Learning Mentor Apprentice, over the next few months.

The Council were involved in the development of the Incentive payments for hiring a new apprentice and consultations with employers, before they became live on 1 September.

Helena Baxter, apprenticeship lead, Walsall Council said:

Apprenticeships are good for business, as apprentices can be moulded and shaped in their area of expertise, to deliver the exact skills your business needs.

Apprentices are the future decision makers, managers and leaders of Walsall Council and continuing to bring apprentices into the business, even in such difficult times, is important to protect our future, whilst ensuring we continue to deliver the vital services our communities depend upon.

I would urge all employers to continue to recruit, and to benefit from government incentives to ease financial burden, whilst offering exciting and rewarding careers opportunities to apprentices.

Softcat

IT infrastructure and services provider Softcat employ over 1500 staff, with 51 apprentices; representing just over 3 per cent percent of the organisational headcount.

Through their training provider network, Softcat were made aware of the government incentives for employers and applied for the incentive payment for hiring new apprentices.

This additional funding, totalling £90,000, will help support the recruitment of 45 new apprentices, along with many other things. Other than the financial benefit this payment will provide, Softcat will direct this funding to additional training and better experiences for their apprentices – especially in the current climate when they are working from home.

Lois Simon, Learning and Development Lead said:

Accessing the incentive payment for hiring new apprentices means that Softcat can better support the cohort of new apprentices joining the team. This significant funding will see apprentices benefit from more support as they start their apprenticeship, whilst helping to fund the apprentice journey – including incentives for apprentices themselves, extra-curricular activities and graduation ceremonies, when apprentices complete their learning.

The benefits of apprenticeships to business are significant and I would urge employers to continue to recruit during this time, and to access the support that's been made available to support all employers through the process.

Vianet

Digital technologies company Vianet, based in the North East, worked closely with the Tees Valley Combined Authority – and immediately knew the advantages of accessing the incentive payment for apprentices. With a head count of 153

and 4 current apprentices, Vianet has applied for approximately £25,000 in incentives, to support their increasing workforce through apprenticeships.

Their 'grow within' ethos means Vianet provides apprenticeship opportunities to existing staff. Apprenticeships work for Vianet, as they allow employees to expand their knowledge, whilst having a structured learning programme that embeds back into the projects they are working on; making a real impact on the organisation.

The incentive payment for new apprentices, with apprenticeship levy and some additional external funding, will allow Vianet to employ and recruit during this difficult time, something they would not have normally been able to do.

Vianet also currently have three interns and are considering if the business could also support a trainee.

Maret Ward, Learning and Development adviser said:

Apprenticeships are great as they allow individuals of all ages to have a strong post-16 alternative to the academic route. Organisations benefit from reduced recruitment and training costs, or salary costs in some cases with apprenticeships; whilst the apprentice brings improved productivity into the workplace.

It is important that an organisation has a robust commitment to the programme when they recruit. Apprentices become high calibre employees who can demonstrate industry skills, backed with the academic learning that apprenticeships offer.

I am delighted that our own apprentice had an alternative route to a great career and is progressing to degree level. In return, we benefit from the high levels skills and intelligence he brings to our business.

Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust first became aware of incentive payments for apprenticeships via Health Education England and their Education and Skills Funding Agency Account Manager.

The Trust has a workforce of 2300, including social workers, occupational therapists, nursing associates and administration apprentices, in addition to mental health nursing apprentices due to commence in January 2021.

The Trust welcomes the introduction of the incentive payments for apprentices, given the national shortage of nurses, and the target to employ 50,000 more nurses nationally by 2025.

Recognising that there are a number of vacancies in all disciplines of

nursing in rural Lincolnshire, with many rural towns finding it difficult to appoint, the Trust is delighted to employ 10 nursing apprentices from the local area, using the incentive payments. By employing apprentices and training their own staff into clinical positions, the Trust supports their local community by offering meaningful careers, whilst retaining trainees beyond training, due to their ties to the local area.

The incentive payment for apprenticeships is being used by the trust to support nursing apprentice salaries, and the other costs incurred the recruitment of apprentices.

The Trust has also received financial support from Health Education England for nursing apprenticeships which makes cohort recruitment and training possible. The Trust will also access the £1500 or £2000 grant for age related apprenticeship starts.

Smith & Williamson

Smith & Williamson is among the ten largest firms of accountants in the UK. With a workforce of 1800, Smith and Williamson has 124 apprentices, in roles including Assurance & Business Services, Business Tax and Private Client Tax. The firm merged with Tilney Group in September 2020 and is now part of the Tilney Smith and Williamson Group.

Smith and Williamson has applied for the incentive payments for hiring new apprentices after hearing about them through financial media. Having recruited their largest-ever intake of apprentices during 2020, including those joining straight from school, the incentive payment will be used to support individuals as they work from home during the pandemic, and to ensure they continue to receive quality time and mentoring from their line managers. The payment will also support Smith and Williamson's aim to recruit more apprentices into the business.

Claire Davis, Head of Learning and Development for Professional Services at Smith & Williamson, said:

The firm has seen many benefits of the apprenticeship programme already, including access to a more diverse talent pool and, development of professional skills and behaviours that are key to personal and business success in today's world, as well as technical knowledge, increased loyalty among apprentices and positive feedback from clients.

Smith and Williamson is committed to offering apprenticeship opportunities and we are seeking to continue to develop and extend our programmes in 2021.

MTR Elizabeth Line

MTR Elizabeth Line, based in London and operator of sustainable rail transport services, heard about the hire a new apprentice incentive through media coverage, before checking [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) to understand the incentives in more detail.

In August the company registered, through their Apprenticeship Service account, for the 'Hiring a new apprentice' incentive for two new apprentices to join their team of over 500 past and current apprentices. MTR Elizabeth Line are proud to have increased their apprentice salary to align with London Living Wage rates of pay – and the incentive payment will help support these costs and the costs of uniforms.

The incentive payment will also benefit the business by allowing MTR Elizabeth Line to continue to develop the skills of people from the communities they serve, many of whom are from disadvantaged backgrounds or underrepresented groups. Some apprentices may require additional support during their apprenticeship and the incentive payment will enable MTR Elizabeth Line to employ apprentices that may require additional support during their training.

The company are also in the process of applying for the Kickstart incentive, to offer thirty 6-month paid work placements. This will allow MTR Elizabeth Line to support young people by helping to develop their skills so they are ready to find sustained employment on completion of their placement; working to offer of permanent employment within the business for those individuals that demonstrate their commitment and motivation during their placement.

Paul Siniacki, Strategic Labour Needs and Training Manager at MTR Elizabeth Line said:

We plan to continue to offer apprenticeship opportunities in 2021 and will be recruiting for the role of Customer Experience Assistant to work at the new stations in the Crossrail tunnel, and we will also be using the new 'Redundancy Support Service for Apprentices', who have been made redundant, for future apprenticeship opportunities, supporting those that have lost their job and giving them a new start.

MTR Elizabeth Line also work closely with the Steps into Work programme, a three-way partnership between TfL, Mencap and Barnet & Southgate College that provides 12-month of work experience for adults with mild to moderate learning disabilities and/or on the autism spectrum. Two of their current apprentices have been recruited following completion of the Steps into Work programme. MTR Elizabeth Line are also looking at T level learner recruitment in the future, following the delayed opening of the Elizabeth line.

How employers are benefitting from the Kickstart Scheme

Kickstart offers six-month work placements, in new jobs, for 16 to 24 year olds who are currently out of work claiming Universal Credit and are at risk of long-term unemployment.

All of their time is spent in the workplace with in-work training to help develop transferable skills, aimed at increasing their chances of sustained employment.

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South Tyneside Homes

South Tyneside Homes manages estates and council housing stock on behalf of South Tyneside Council and have 632 employees in the North East of England.

As members of the North East Apprentice Ambassadors Network, South Tyneside Homes were made aware of the Kickstart incentive by the network and applied for incentive payment to support the recruitment of 10 Kickstarters. They will also be applying for the incentive payment for hiring 10 apprentices this year.

As a social landlord, South Tyneside Homes want to promote sustainable employment within their borough. Trainees within the business are paid a wage and the incentive payment will help the business to expand their scheme, whilst they work towards its longevity and creating further, future employment opportunities.

The incentive payment for hiring apprentices will be fully utilised and used towards paying for additional personal protective equipment and further training opportunities for their apprentices.

Gary Kirsop, Director of Asset and Property Services, South Tyneside Homes said:

In total we could receive up to £85,000 through government incentives. The Kickstart funding will allow us to expand our trainees into new fields, whilst supporting employment opportunities in South Tyneside; whilst the additional apprenticeship funding will help support our apprenticeship offer.

We have offered work experience in the past and T Levels are

something we were discussing with local colleges prior to the pandemic, and this is something we will also look to develop once restrictions in the work place are relaxed.

Tesco

Supermarket employer Tesco has accessed the government Kickstart incentive to support 1,000 young people, giving them access to work experience and life skills, whilst enabling them to continue to forge their future careers.

[Tesco Kickstart](#)

Aggregate Industries

Construction materials producer and supplier Aggregate Industries is based across 300 UK sites and employs 3,875 staff. They first heard about government incentives for employers in the news, and from attending information sessions run by the Education and Skills Funding Agency and Confederation of British Industry. Aggregate Industries have applied to be a Kickstart employer and saw this opportunity as a way to get young people into their sector, providing them with an opportunity to learn.

Applying for funding for 39 job placements, Aggregate Industries view the Kickstart incentive as an entry route to their apprenticeship and graduate initiatives.

Those recruited through Kickstarts will work with Aggregate Industries full time, for six-months, before committing to an apprenticeship. Aggregate Industries currently has 127 apprentices in the business.

Laura Parker, Head of Learning and Development at Aggregate Industries said:

Kickstart will enable Aggregate Industries to introduce individuals to the sector, who may not naturally have considered this career path, giving individuals opportunity to learn new skills during their placement, whilst being energised about the company and sector.

We are committed to ensuring individuals get real work experience and, after our Kickstarts complete the scheme, we are aiming to offer them apprenticeship and graduate positions. We are also considering recruiting T Level learners in 2021 to offer further opportunities in our sector.

Molinaire

Post-production company Molinaire, specialising in TV, film and video games,

have committed to giving more than 30 young people the opportunity of 6 month paid Kickstart placement. Utilising government incentives, Molinaire will support Kickstarters to develop the skills needed to get started in their industry.

[Molinaire Kickstart](#)

Severn Trent

Midlands water and waste company Severn Trent employ 6700 individuals and will take on 500 people over the next year, as part of the Kickstart incentive.

The company will take on the 500 new people over the course of the next 12 months, with placements lasting for six months and covering 25 hours a week. Severn Trent will offer a range of roles, including water technicians, engineering assistants, customer liaison, project management and support function roles in Finance, HR and Communications, typical of any large business. Alongside the on the job training, Severn Trent are also offering training in a variety personal and technical skills at their new academy, based in Coventry.

Liv Garfield, Severn Trent Chief Executive, said:

This is a simply brilliant incentive and, after looking at it, we just knew we could support many, many people who might otherwise be at risk of simply not being able to get back into the workforce.

We're absolutely certain we'll find a load of really talented people who, at the very least, will leave us with a range of new skills they might be able to put to use with other employers. We're also pretty certain we'll end up with a number of new colleagues who'll have impressed so much during their placement we absolutely had to take them on full-time.

Given everything that's happening at the moment, this is one of the key ways we, as a responsible company, can help make a real difference to our customers and our communities. It's a real opportunity for us, let alone for the Kickstarters.

Crowberry Consulting

Award winning apprentice employer Crowberry Consulting Ltd, based in Lancashire, is an SME with three employees, working in the professional services sector as Sustainability Consultants.

Crowberry Consulting has employed apprentices since 2012; and this year have been recognised for their commitment to apprenticeships by winning the National Apprenticeship Service 'SME Employer of the Year' award in the North

West.

Managing Director Becky Toal, of Crowberry Consulting, with her National Apprenticeships Award

Currently working with North and West Lancashire Chamber of Commerce, Crowberry Consulting are looking to recruit two new Kickstart employees, in Digital Marketing and in Community Energy, anticipating these roles will evolve into Level 3 or 4 apprenticeships. They will receive £3,000 in incentives to support the recruitment and training of both Kickstart employees.

Becky Toal, Managing Director, Crowberry Consulting Ltd said:

Crowberry Consulting are a signatory to the Lancashire Skills Pledge and are also apprenticeship champions for both the employer and apprentice; signalling our commitment to skills.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to receive financial incentives to expand our workforce and to support individuals from unemployment to a secure employment opportunity. The successful applicants will work with a local college to receive ongoing mentoring and support, gaining a valuable qualification at the end of their training.

West Berkshire County Council

West Berkshire Council employ over 1550 people in the South East of England. They are accessing government incentives, including Kickstart and are supporting the programme by engaging with local businesses to take on 60 Kickstart placements, including 13 of which will be internal placements.

Accessing the Kickstart incentive, totalling £37,500, will enable West Berkshire Council to support their proposed, long term apprenticeship strategy. The Council hopes to convert successful Kickstart placements into apprenticeships at the end of the placements.

Funds received through incentives will be used for a variety of projects, including supporting more services to take on disadvantaged young people as apprentices and providing funding for job mentors or job coach training for both corporate and schools staff. The funding will also help where barriers exist, with travel costs, PPE, or equipment for work, which may impact on young people accessing the work environment.

The Council are also an apprenticeship employer, with 123 current apprentices in the business, in roles including Business Administration, Social Work, Teaching, Occupational Therapy, Regulatory Compliance, Adult Social Care, Accountancy and Management & Leadership. Fifty apprentices recently completed

their programme and in recent months the Council has taken on, or are planning to start, a number of new apprentices. Six new apprentices have started since 1 August, and the incentive payment for hiring a new apprentices will be able accessed for these apprentices.

Abigail Witting, HR Manager, West Berkshire Council said:

Both the Kickstart scheme and the incentives for new apprentices are positive for businesses.

The Kickstart scheme enables businesses to take on an individuals to support with the impact of the COVID crisis, as well as supporting young people who are being disadvantaged by the impact on the economy and jobs with minimal risk/cost to the business. Following a successful placement, businesses may be able to take on a new member of staff that they previously wouldn't have had opportunity to recruit.

The incentive payments for new apprentices provide businesses with some funding when they are facing difficult times, to help support the inevitable costs of inducting and training a new staff member, and the associated costs including salaries or equipment.

Lord Evans' response to Nick Thomas-Symonds MP

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£61 million boost for Europe's largest 'flying lab' to tackle climate change from the skies

- £61 million government cash injection to support UK scientists on the largest flying lab in Europe to tackle pressing environmental challenges

- funding helps scientists uncover the causes behind rising methane in the Arctic, understand the effect of biomass burning on our climate and monitor volcanic gases for warning signs of a potential eruption
- high altitude research enables businesses and researchers to drive innovative green solutions on the ground, helping the UK build back greener

Leading UK scientists will take to the skies on the largest flying laboratory in Europe to carry out crucial research into some of the world's most pressing environmental challenges such as climate change and severe weather events, thanks to £61 million government investment.

Announced today (Friday 20 November), the investment will enable the UK's most ambitious scientists and researchers to continue progressing environmental research missions at altitudes of up to 10 kilometres for the next 10 years on board the Facility for Airborne Atmospheric Measurements (FAAM) Airborne Laboratory, based in the UK. This includes collecting data on emission and pollution levels from remote locations around the world, such as above the North Sea and volcanoes in Iceland.

FAAM operates a specially adapted research aircraft based at Cranfield University and Airport, Bedfordshire, to make cutting-edge measurements in the atmosphere, almost anywhere in the world for about 400 hours a year. The aircraft is managed by a unique team of scientists, engineers, flight technicians and project managers providing a complete package of support for the scientific community.

Projects that the BAE-146 large research aircraft has previously conducted include searching for new sources of air pollutants during the Cape Verde dust season, measuring cloud atmospheres to improve weather forecasts, tracking the source of methane emissions in Africa and the Arctic to help combat global temperature rises.

The atmospheric data captured during future air missions will directly assist the government, businesses, universities and researchers on the ground by informing future policy, transforming industries with high carbon emissions like shipping, and assessing the impact of new environment regulations – helping the UK meet its net zero emissions.

The news of this investment comes following the Prime Minister setting out his [ten-point plan for a green industrial revolution](#).

Science Minister Amanda Solloway said:

Never has it been more exciting to be a scientist and nor have the challenges been greater.

Facilities like the FAAM Airborne Laboratory help ensure the UK remains at the forefront of tackling the most enduring threat to our planet while also supporting our innovative and brilliant scientific community. This funding is just another way we are

supporting businesses and researchers to build back greener and drive the UK's Green Industrial Revolution.

The government's £61 million funding will secure the aircraft's operations for the next 10 years and will be provided through the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), the UK government's main agency for funding and managing research in the environmental sciences.

The investment reflects the government's commitment to boost spending on research and development to £22 billion by 2024/25, supporting the UK's most ground breaking research, as set out in the government's ambitious [research and development roadmap](#) in July this year.

Head of the FAAM Airborne Laboratory Mr Alan Woolley said:

We operate the largest flying laboratory in Europe and, through our experience and expertise, offer a complete package of support for in-situ atmospheric measurements.

From measuring cloud microphysics to detecting complex chemical species, the aircraft is a highly capable flying laboratory.

It is capable of operating nearly everywhere in the world and supports global research initiatives, helping scientists and society to tackle the environmental challenges ahead, including climate change, air pollution and severe weather.

Research previously conducted by scientists on the flying lab has underpinned recommendations for the government's Clean Air Strategy including explaining the effects of vehicle emissions and the source of toxic gases in people's homes. This resulted in reductions in pollution in urban areas like cities, informing legal proceedings on diesel engines, improving pollution forecasts and encouraging investment in air pollution research.

UK Research and Innovation's Director of Strategic Partnerships for the Natural Environment Research Council Iain Williams said:

The FAAM aircraft makes an important contribution to UK environmental science by providing researchers with a unique facility with which to monitor and analyse the atmosphere.

This investment of £61 million will enable this state-of-the-art airborne laboratory to operate for a further ten years providing a long-term commitment to advancing our understanding of the atmosphere and its impacts on us all.

FAAM's research aircraft is owned by UK Research and Innovation and managed through the National Centre for Atmospheric Science. The aircraft is

headquartered at Cranfield University.

Case studies

Measuring ship exhaust emissions over the Atlantic

With emissions from ships a significant source of air pollution, UK-based scientists are collecting measurements to help quantify and measure the impact of incoming emission regulations designed to limit maximum ship emissions. While they are expected to change air quality and climate, ship emissions could also lead to a reduction in the brightness of clouds, which can help bounce sunlight back into space, that, in turn, contribute to a rise in global temperatures. Measurements taken in real time by the airborne laboratory will help in better understanding the overall impact of the regulations and the level of compliance.

Working to uncover the cause behind a rise in methane in the Arctic

UK-based researchers use the flying laboratory annually to better understand the cause and sources of a rise in atmospheric methane that threatens to accelerate emissions and increase the global temperature rise. By using the laboratory to study the composition of the atmosphere across different areas, scientists are better able to calculate the source of the methane.

Monitoring gases for warning signs of a potential volcanic eruption

Scientists have used the laboratory to monitor gas levels in the skies above Iceland's active volcanoes, helping to provide crucial information that could help signal a potential eruption in future and prevent a repeat of large-scale cancellation of flights following the eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano in 2010.

Notes to editors

Approaching its 20th year in the sky, and supported by a dedicated team of scientists, engineers, and flight technicians, the FAAM Airborne Laboratory is a specially adapted research aircraft that operates around the world and flies for about 400 hours a year.

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) works in partnership with universities, research organisations, businesses, charities, and government to create the best possible environment for research and innovation to flourish. They aim to maximise the contribution of each of their component parts, working individually and collectively. They work with their many partners to benefit everyone through knowledge, talent and ideas.

Operating across the whole of the UK with a combined budget of more than £7 billion, UK Research and Innovation brings together the seven research councils, Innovate UK and Research England.

NERC is the UK's main agency for funding and managing research, training and knowledge exchange in the environmental sciences. Their work covers the full range of atmospheric, Earth, biological, terrestrial and aquatic science, from the deep oceans to the upper atmosphere and from the poles to the equator. They coordinate some of the world's most exciting research projects, tackling major environmental issues such as climate change, environmental influences on human health, the genetic make-up of life on Earth, and much more. NERC is part of UK Research & Innovation, a non-departmental public body funded by a grant-in-aid from the UK government.