

GAD helps kickstart UK film and TV productions

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GAD plays a central role in a new £500m government scheme set to kickstart the UK film and TV productions affected by the coronavirus pandemic.



The Government Actuary's Department (GAD) has helped to deliver a project which is providing a £500m boost to the UK film and TV industries adversely affected by COVID-19.

The new 'Film and TV Production Restart Scheme', set up with the help of modelling and actuarial expertise provided by GAD, is set to help jumpstart productions.

Insurance issues

The UK's film and TV production sectors support more than 180,000 jobs and contribute more than £12 billion a year to the economy. However, the coronavirus global pandemic has led to severe problems for all aspects of production.

The extensive effects of lockdown and social distancing meant domestic production and filming projects were not able to get adequate insurance, so filming was halted or could not begin.

New scheme

In this 2-month long project, GAD worked with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to create a compensation fund which complements commercially available insurance schemes so that cover is complete.

Actuary Jacqui Draper, who led on the project for GAD said: "Our expertise was at the heart of making sure the scheme could go ahead. The pandemic meant there was less appetite for insurers to provide the required level of cover

for film and TV companies when it came to issues such as paying out due to sickness delays or abandonment.

“We modelled the likely cost of supporting the industry just for these COVID-19 related risks and this meant DCMS was able to formulate the scheme.”

Future support

The UK-wide scheme will help delayed TV and film productions as they will be supported if future losses are incurred, due to COVID-19. The ‘Restart Scheme’ will be available to compensate productions after they have restarted and only where costs are then incurred due to delays or abandonment as a result of coronavirus.

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Relaunch of the health and wellbeing alliance: call for refreshed membership

- Charities are being urged to join the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) Health and Wellbeing Alliance
- Refreshing the membership will ensure strong representation to reduce health inequalities
- Closing date for applications is midday on 6 November 2020. Application support webinars will be run in September

Charities are being urged to join the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) Health and Wellbeing Alliance, following its relaunch on Saturday 15 August, to ensure the lived experiences of the people they represent are reflected in the development of health policy.

The Health and Wellbeing Alliance is a key element of the Health and Wellbeing Programme, the aim of which is to promote health equalities and reduce health inequalities across the UK.

The alliance is a partnership between the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), NHS England and Improvement, Public Health England and 20

voluntary sector partners and consortia, including Age UK, Carers UK, LGBT foundation and the Race Equality Foundation.

The alliance ensures the voice of lived experience is incorporated early in policy development, and that important health and public health announcements and messages are shared through reaching communities who may be directly impacted via direct consultation.

Minister for Prevention, Public Health and Primary Care Jo Churchill, said:

The Health and Wellbeing Alliance is an excellent way to ensure a range of voices are heard and reflected in government policy. Over the last 3 years members have made an enormous contribution to a number of important policy developments.

This relaunch is a fantastic opportunity to ensure that we not only continue to hear from the most underrepresented voices, but also allows us a refresh, so that important health messages reach those they affect the most.

Alex Fox, former chair of the VCSE Review and CEO of Shared Lives Plus, said:

This year we've seen how charities, social enterprises and community groups are vital to mobilising communities to keep people safe and well.

The government's renewed commitment to the Health and Wellbeing Alliance is very welcome at a time when, more than ever, the most vulnerable people and communities need government and community organisations to work effectively together.

The alliance ensures that the voice of communities facing the most challenging health inequalities are central to health and care policy making.

The alliance has already helped shape policy making. For example, when DHSC needed insight and input on a new autism commissioning model, the Complex Needs Consortium held a consultation with health and social care commissioners, autistic people, families, friends and carers to develop draft guidance to improve the way autistic people are supported.

The alliance has been and continues to play a critical role in informing policy development and cascading messaging during this unprecedented period.

Alliance members Homeless Link, for example, played a pivotal role in communication guidance and information to the homelessness sector around COVID-19. While central government guidance was being rapidly developed, Homeless Link hosted weekly webinars to share good practice and hear from the sector about the issues they were experiencing, providing a vital 2-way

communication stream.

The work of the alliance will continue to be of the utmost importance as we look to the future to tackle these disparities and protect our most vulnerable communities. For example data shows black, Asian and minority ethnic communities (BAME) have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Refreshing the membership now will ensure the alliance has the greatest possible representation and that their voices are heard by government.

Membership to the alliance is awarded through a competitive tendering process.

Members receive grant funding on an annual basis of up to £80,000 for their core work.

Applications are invited from 15 August, and close at midday on 6 November.

A Meet the Funder webinar series for interested parties to hear more about the series and ask questions will run from 1 to 3 September.

[Read more information on webinars and application support.](#)

Crime news: extension of 2017 crime contract to 31 March 2022

News story

Headline intentions document available on GOV.UK with details of extension and intention to procure new contracts in 2022.



We are extending the 2017 Standard Crime Contract by 12 months to 31 March 2022.

The Legal Aid Agency (LAA) also intends to undertake a procurement process next year for new crime contracts.

A headline intentions document is available on GOV.UK informing providers about the extension.

Why is this happening?

The 2017 Standard Crime Contract is approaching the end of its term in 2022 and we therefore need to take steps to procure a replacement contract.

We are making this announcement following the publication of the Criminal Legal Aid Review (CLAR) consultation response on a series of accelerated measures. That document also sets out the next steps for the wider review, including priority work focusing on a review of crime lower fee schemes, and we are therefore taking this approach to best align our contract activity with the forthcoming work of the CLAR.

Next Steps

Further details on the procurement process will be published later this year.

We will begin to issue notices of the extension to the 2017 Crime Contract to individual providers later this year. The new schedules will be issued before the end of March 2021.

Further information

[Standard Crime Contract 2017](#) – to download ‘headline intentions’ document

[Criminal legal aid review](#)

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[UK Government confirms £32.5 million investment in Moray Growth Deal](#)

More than £100 million will be pumped into Moray’s economy, massively regenerating the area and boosting jobs, thanks to a joint deal signed via live stream today [24 August 2020] between the UK and Scottish Governments along with regional partners.

The deal’s [Heads of Terms agreement](#) – a key stage ahead of the investment being spent – was signed by UK Government Minister for Scotland Iain Stewart, Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Mr Michael Matheson, and the Leader of Moray Council, Cllr

Graham Leadbitter.

The UK and Scottish governments are each investing £32.5 million in the deal, with a further £35.8 million from partners for a combined investment in Moray of more than £100 million.

Over the next 10 to 15 years the deal seeks to unlock private investment worth in excess of £200 million and deliver over 450 new jobs across a wide range of sectors.

UK Government minister for Scotland, Iain Stewart said:

Earlier this month I was delighted to announce the UK Government are investing £21m in the Moray Aerospace, Advanced Technology and Innovation Campus, which will create a pathway to skilled aviation engineering jobs for Moray's residents.

With today's landmark signing of the £100 million Moray Growth Deal, I am pleased to confirm that the UK Government's £32.5 million deal investment will also support the development of Grant Lodge – a visitor attraction in Elgin; a Manufacturing Innovation base for Moray; and a digital health and care cluster at Moray College.

Working together with the Scottish Government and local partners, we will deliver the prosperity and opportunities that the people of Moray deserve.

City Region and Growth Deals will be crucial to getting Scotland's economy back on track after the coronavirus pandemic and the UK Government has committed more than £1.5 billion to Growth Deals across every part of Scotland to secure the future of our economy.

The signing of the Heads of Terms heralds the next stage of the deal where individual projects will be more fully developed for business case approval.

The projects supported by the deal reflect local priorities and ambitions. The UK Government is working with regional partners, such as Moray College, to deliver its £32.5 million investment which will include:

- £21 million for a Moray Aerospace, Advanced Technology and Innovation Campus, which will take advantage of the close links with RAF Lossiemouth to create a pathway to skilled aviation engineering jobs for Moray's residents.
- £5 million for an innovative Digital Health project that will support the increasing demands and service capacity challenges on public health services. The project will create a testbed for an online health and social care delivery system in a rural environment.
- £3 million for a Manufacturing Innovation base for Moray to support the development of process and production efficiencies for businesses. It will also foster links with other manufacturing centres across Scotland

and the UK.

- £3.5 million to support the development of Grant Lodge, a visitor attraction in Elgin that will be part of a culture and tourism-led regeneration of the city centre.

The video below provides an overview of the deal:

[Moray Growth Deal](#)

[Independent Family Returns Panel welcomes new chair](#)

News story

Helen Chamberlain has been appointed as substantive chair of the Independent Family Returns Panel (IFRP).



The IFRP is an expert committee, sponsored by the Home Office, that provides independent advice to the department on how best to safeguard children's welfare during a family's enforced return.

Helen Chamberlain was appointed interim chair in May 2020 and has been a member since August 2018.

Her previous roles have included Chief Superintendent and Head of Public Protection at Nottinghamshire Police.

Helen Chamberlain, Chair of the IFRP, said:

I'm delighted and honoured to have been permanently appointed as chair of the Independent Family Returns Panel.

We do a vital job in safeguarding children during a family's return, and I look forward to continuing to provide advice on how

best to ensure welfare needs are met.

The appointment follows the expiry of Paul Greenhalgh's three year tenure as chair of the IFRP.

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