

News story: Aviation Minister welcomes new investment to improve passenger experience at Leeds Bradford Airport

Major progress has been made on a project to improve the passenger experience at Leeds Bradford Airport, the Aviation Minister saw first-hand on a visit today (8 April 2019).

At Leeds Bradford Airport, Aviation Minister Liz Sugg saw construction begin on a major extension to the main airport terminal building, the airport's biggest investment to date.

The extension will significantly improve travel experiences for passengers, including larger immigration and baggage reclaim areas, better departure gate facilities, more shopping and food outlets and additional free seating.

Aviation Minister Liz Sugg said:

The development at Leeds Bradford Airport will not only further strengthen it as an important global gateway to Yorkshire, but will also provide passengers with an exceptional travelling experience to and from the region.

Improvements for local communities as well as major infrastructure projects like investment at Leeds station, [Northern Powerhouse rail](#), [HS2](#) and [Heathrow expansion](#) will continue to bring our country closer together, helping people move around more quickly and easily than ever before.

This progress continues to build on the major investment already going on in the area, including more than £170 million being invested by government in wider public transport improvements in the Leeds area.

By 2020, the government will have pumped a record £13 billion into transport investment across the north, including in developing major infrastructure projects such as HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail. A new runway at Heathrow Airport will also bring big benefits to Yorkshire – better connecting the region to the rest of the country, increasing regional exports and driving local growth.

News story: New tools to help health professionals boost prevention impact

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The new interactive e-learning tools, developed by PHE and Health Education England e-Learning for Healthcare, offer bite-sized information on key public health issues to help professionals prevent illness, protect health and promote wellbeing.

E-learning tools are now available for cardiovascular disease prevention, adult obesity, antimicrobial resistance, physical activity, social prescribing, giving children the best start in life and supporting those at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.

The tools explain why each topic is a public health priority, with practical advice on how different skills, techniques and approaches can help professionals across the health and social care sector to address the issues through their practice.

For example, the adult obesity tool offers advice on how professionals can approach conversations about weight and how they can measure and evaluate the impact of their work.

Each tool signposts to further information to help professionals embed prevention in their everyday practice, with short knowledge tests to help enhance learning.

Professor Jamie Waterall, Deputy Chief Nurse at Public Health England, said:

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These tools make it easier for all health and care professionals to access information that will help them make a greater impact in preventing illness, protecting health and promoting wellbeing.

We know that health and care professionals are often time poor, which is why these tools are designed to be used flexibly, helping people enhance learning alongside their day-to-day roles.

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Neil Ralph, National Programme Manager, Health Education England, said:

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[Press release: Extended bankruptcy for former kennels owner](#)

Jodie Annabel Fairbrother (40), from Immingham, Lincolnshire, was the former owner of a boarding kennels in South Killingholme. The business traded from Janika Boarding Kennels under the name '4Paws' and provided animal transport, boarding kennels and a veterinary clinic.

In March 2018, 4Paws was subject to visits from the RSPCA and the police over animal welfare concerns. Over 100 animals were removed and Jodie Fairbrother later closed the business before applying for bankruptcy in November 2018.

Having been previously bankrupt in 2005, Jodie Fairbrother would have been aware that she was required to inform the Official Receiver about any assets she owned, including property. However, she failed to declare that she jointly owned the boarding kennels 4Paws had been trading from.

Following a tip-off, the Official Receiver later confirmed that Jodie Fairbrother jointly owned the property. But throughout the investigation, the former business-owner denied she was the property's owner and claimed instead she was a tenant even after being shown copies of the land registry.

Further investigations discovered that a month before she applied to be bankrupt, Jodie Fairbrother sold her stake in the property in October 2018 and had received thousands of pounds in return.

The Secretary of State has since accepted a bankruptcy restrictions' undertaking from Jodie Annabel Fairbrother where she voluntarily accepted she failed to declare the property owned to the Official Receiver.

The bankruptcy restrictions, effective from 28 March 2019, last for 7 years and prohibit Jodie Fairbrother from several activities, including acting as a director of a company without permission from the court and attempting to borrow more than £500 without declaring restrictions they are subject to.

Gerard O'Hare, Official Receiver, said:

This case has seen a litany of offences carried out by Jodie Fairbrother and then she thought she could hide assets preventing her creditors from receiving the money they are rightfully owed.

Seven years of extended bankruptcy restrictions is a significant ban and not only seriously confines Jodie Fairbrother's conduct going forward but should also act as a warning to those who attempt to defraud their creditors by hiding their assets.

Jodie Annabel Fairbrother is of Immingham and her date of birth is September 1978.

Details of Jodie Fairbrother's BRU is available on the [Individual Insolvency Register](#)

Information on bankruptcy and the restrictions concerned are available [on GOV.UK](#).

The Insolvency Service administers the insolvency regime, investigating all compulsory liquidations and individual insolvencies (bankruptcies) through the Official Receiver to establish why they became insolvent. It may also use powers under the Companies Act 1985 to conduct confidential fact-finding investigations into the activities of live limited companies in the UK. In addition, the agency deals with disqualification of directors in corporate failures, assesses and pays statutory entitlement to redundancy payments when an employer cannot or will not pay employees, provides banking and investment services for bankruptcy and liquidation estate funds and advises ministers and other government departments on insolvency law and practice.

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

Media enquiries for this press release – 020 7674 6910 or 020 7596 6187

You can also follow the Insolvency Service on:

[Press release: HMRC extends deadline for £8 million of customs training](#)

funding

Today (8 April 2019), HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) announced that the deadline for applications for an £8 million government initiative to help businesses prepare for EU Exit has been extended to 31 May 2019.

This will enable more businesses to benefit from the investment available and provide more time for applications.

The funding will support customs intermediaries and traders completing customs declarations, and can be used to help businesses meet the costs of employee training and IT improvements.

Treasury Minister Mel Stride MP, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said:

We are doing everything we can to get businesses ready for the UK leaving the EU, however businesses also need to take action themselves to prepare.

There is help available – we have provided funding to support businesses with customs processes, and we are now extending the deadline to 31 May 2019 giving more time for applications.

We have already received over 300 applications, and I'd urge businesses to apply as soon as possible to avoid missing out.

The grant funding builds upon the ongoing efforts of HMRC to get businesses ready for EU Exit, including having written several letters to 145,000 VAT-registered businesses that trade with the EU to advise them how to prepare for a no deal scenario, and publishing more than 100 pages of guidance for businesses on processes and procedures at the border in a no deal scenario.

Further information

All businesses who move goods into or out of the EU – even if it's just once a year – need to take action including [getting an EORI number](#) and understanding what declarations they need to make.

In October 2018 HMRC and HMT announced an £8 million fund to help businesses prepare for a no deal scenario. The £8m funding was broken down into:

- £2 million to fund training for intermediaries and traders completing customs declarations (or intending to complete customs declarations in the future). The grant will provide funding for up to 50% of the cost of training staff
- £3 million in IT improvement funding, available to small and medium sized employers in the customs intermediaries sector currently completing customs declarations on behalf of importers and exporters.

The grant will fund investment in packaged software that increases the automation and productivity of completing customs declarations

- £3 million was invested to increase training provision. HMRC provided the funding to service provider Knowledge Pool which is engaging with training providers to increase the number of courses available in the short term, as well as investing in the development of new courses which will be available over the coming months to support customs broker training
- in March, HMRC announced that in the event of no deal, importers using Transitional Simplified Procedures (TSP) can postpone doing customs declarations for 6 months from the date the UK exits the EU. This funding gives people time to apply and become comfortable in doing these declarations

Who can apply

Training grant

To apply for the training grant, your business must either:

- complete customs declarations for yourself or someone else (or intend to in the future)
- import from, or export to the EU and complete customs declarations (or intend to complete customs declarations in the future)

IT improvements grant

To apply for the IT improvements grant, your business must:

- currently complete customs declarations for importers and exporters
- have 250 employees or fewer
- have an annual turnover of less than €50 million

The types of funding available

There are 2 different grants that you can apply for to help your business complete customs declarations:

1. a training grant to help your employees to complete customs declarations and processes
2. an IT improvements grant to help your business complete customs declarations more efficiently

Where you can apply

[Online applications](#) must be received by 31 May 2019. We advise applying as soon as possible, as it may be that applications close earlier than this date, dependent on uptake.

We encourage applicants to check the guidance carefully and submit all of the relevant information to ensure applications can be processed as quickly as

possible

Businesses can apply for both the training and IT grants. The IT grant is only available to current customs intermediaries with 250 employees or less and an annual turnover of £50 million or less.

PWC is administering the grants on behalf of HMRC. If you want to apply for funding, please apply online – do not contact HMRC.