

News story: GOV.UK Notify wins Civil Service Operational Excellence Award

The Dame Lesley Strathie Operational Excellence Award recognises excellence in the delivery of public services. This includes putting user needs at the heart of a project and significantly improving the quality, value for money or productivity of services to the public.

GOV.UK Notify is delivered by a multidisciplinary team of 12 people, including designers, user researchers and developers. They work closely with service teams across the country to constantly iterate and improve it.

The judges said:

GOV.UK Notify is a great example of a small, diverse set of civil servants challenging established ways of doing things, to rapidly deliver a product benefitting millions of people, whilst saving taxpayers millions.

GOV.UK Notify Product Manager Pete Herlihy said:

It's ace. Obviously we're incredibly proud of Notify and the impact it's having right across the public sector, but this recognition for how our little team goes about delivering it really means so much to us.

GOV.UK Notify sent its first messages in May 2016. It lets service teams across the public sector send emails, text messages and letters to their users.

It can be used by:

- caseworkers to send one-off messages to people after a call or a visit
- back-office staff to send bulk messages by uploading files
- systems automatically sending messages to people after specified events

GOV.UK Notify is easy to use and easy for teams to integrate with their existing systems. It can be used without any procurement and emails can be sent through GOV.UK Notify at no cost.

So far more than 200 million messages have been sent using GOV.UK Notify, including more than 170 million emails.

It is being used by 438 service teams across 132 organisations – including 64 local government organisations, 58 central government organisations and 10 from the NHS. And this number is growing every day.

Among those teams are the DVSA's MOT reminder service team, who also won a Civil Service Award – the Digital Award.

Find out more about [GOV.UK Notify](#).

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Notes on the list of detentions

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SHIPS DETAINED IN OCTOBER 2018

Vessel Name: SOUTHWESTER

GT: 4150

IMO: 9126728

Flag: Cook Islands (Black list)

Company: Northwester Shipping Corp

Classification Society: RINA

Recognised Organisation: N/A

Recognised Organisation for ISM Doc: N/A

Recognised Organisation for ISM SMC: N/A

Date and Place of Detention: 1st October 2018 in Runcorn

Summary: Eighteen deficiencies with one ground for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
18408 – Electrical	Not as required	No
15150 – ISM	Not as required	Yes
11105 – Rescue boat inventory	Not as required	No
07116 – Ventilation	Not as required	No
01201 – Certificates of master and officers	Missing	No
07113 – Fire pumps and its pipes	Not as required	No
07105 – Firedoors/opening in fire-resisting divisions	Inoperative	No

14615 – Fuel change-over procedure	Missing	No
18312 – Galley, handling room (maintenance)	Not Hygienic	No
99101 – Other safety in general	Other	No
01328 – Ship energy efficiency management plan	Missing	No
07105 – Firedoors/opening in fire-resisting divisions	Inoperative	No
10103 – Radar	Inoperative	No
05105 – MF/HF Radio installation	Inoperative	No
10111 – Charts	Missing	No
07113 – Fire pumps and its pipes	Not as required	No
14402 – Sewage treatment plan	Not as required	No
10106 – Compass correction log	Not as required	No
10119 – Rudder angle indicator	Inoperative	No

This vessel was released on 8th October 2018

Vessel Name: DUYGU

GT: 4388

IMO: 9199787

Flag: Cook Islands (Black list)

Company: Pruvmarine Limited

Classification Society: NKK

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Recognised Organisation for ISM Doc: NA

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Date and Place of Detention: 1st October in Birkenhead

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10104 – Gyro compass	Inoperative	No
08107 – Machinery control alarms	Inoperative	Yes
07116 – Ventilation	Inoperative	No
10116 – Nautical publications	Missing	No
18324 – Cold room, cold room cleanliness, cold room temperature	Not as required	No
09232 – Cleanliness of engine room	Insufficient	No
04108 – Muster list	Incomplete	No
03108 – Ventilators, air pipes, casings	Not properly maintained	No

13199 – Other (machinery)	Other	No	
01101 – Cargo safety equipment (including exemptions)	Incomplete	No	
10118 – Speed and distance indicator	Inoperative	No	
18308 – Furnishings	Damaged	No	
15150 – ISM	Not as required	Not as required	Yes
09232 – Cleanliness of engine room	Insufficient	Yes	
07105 – Firedoors/openings in fire-resisting divisions	Malfunctioning	No	
07125 – Evaluation of crew performance (fire drills)	Lack of training	No	
03112 – Scuppers, inlets and discharges	Not as required	Yes	
02108 – Electrical installations in general	Not as required	Yes	
10129 – Navigation records	Not as required	No	
18312 – Galley, handling room (maintenance)	Not hygienic	No	
03106 – Windows, sidecuttles and deadlights	Not as required	No	

This vessel was released on 3rd October 2018

DETENTIONS CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS MONTHS

Vessel Name: POSEIDON

GT: 1412

IMO: 7363217

Flag: Iceland (White list)

Company: Neptune EHF

Classification Society: NA

Recognised Organisation: NA

Recognised Organisation for ISM Doc: DNV-GL

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Date and Place of Detention: 19th July 2018 at Hull

Summary: Ten deficiencies with two grounds for detention

Defective item	Nature of defect	Ground for Detention
01199 – Other certificates	Other	No

01218 – Medical	Incorrect language	No
02106 – Hull damage impairing seaworthiness	Holed	Yes
07113 – Fire Pumps	Insufficient Pressure	Yes
07103 – Divisions – Decks, bulkheads and penetrations	Not as required	No
12107 – Ballast, fuel and other tanks	Not as required	No
07105 – Fire doors/openings in fire resisting divisions	Not as required	No
01101 – Cargo Ship Safety Equipment (including exemption)	Missing	No
01102 – Cargo Ship Safety Construction (including exemption)	Missing	No
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This vessel was still detained on 31st October 2018

Vessel Name: TECOIL POLARIS

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IMO No: 8883290

Flag: Russian Federation (Grey list)

Company: Tecoil Shipping Ltd

Classification Society: RMRS

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Date and Place of Detention: 6th June 2018 at Immingham

Summary: Twenty-Seven deficiencies with eight grounds for detentions

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01123 – Continuous synopsis record	Entries missing	No
01218 – Medical certificate	Missing	No
01320 – Garbage record book	Incorrect	No
01308 – Record of seafarers' daily hours of work or rest	False	No
04110 – Abandon ship drill	Insufficient frequency	No
10105 – Magnetic compass	Inoperative	Yes
10128 – Navigation bridge visibility	Not as required	No

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11122 – Radio life-saving appliances	Inoperative	No
11129 – Operational readiness of lifesaving appliances	Not as required	Yes
04109 – Fire drills	Lack of communication	No
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10123 – International code of signals – SOLAS	Missing	No
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11101 – Lifeboats	Not ready for use	Yes
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06105 – Atmosphere testing instrument	Not properly maintained	No
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01117 – International Oil Pollution Prevention (IOPP)	Invalid	Yes
14604 – Bunker delivery note	Not as required	No
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Vessel Name: CIEN PORCIENTO (General Cargo)

GT: 106.

IMO No: 8944446.

Flag: Unregistered.

Company: Open Window Inc.

Classification Society: Unclassed.

Recognised Organisation: Not applicable.

Recognised Organisation for ISM DOC: Not applicable.

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Date and Place of detention: 4 March 2010, Lowestoft

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