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[News story: Major counter-terrorism exercise concludes](#)

Exercise Border Reiver, which has been more than a year in the planning, has concluded following 3 days of activity across central and eastern Scotland and Northumbria.

The exercise, announced by the Prime Minister during a visit to Glasgow in March, forms part of the UK Home Office's National Counter-Terrorism Exercise Programme.

Exercises like this take place throughout the year and throughout the country, allowing the emergency services, governments and other agencies to practice and plan for a variety of terrorist incidents.

Speaking after the exercise, Home Secretary Amber Rudd said:

On too many occasions this year, our emergency services have united in their response to horrific terrorist atrocities with the utmost professionalism.

The country has seen first-hand why it is vital that we work together – governments, police, fire and ambulance services and the private sector – to ensure we are fully prepared for terrorist attacks.

This week's exercise was an opportunity to test and practice our plans. It formed one of a series of counter-terrorism exercises that this government funds every year and which take place across the country.

We set an intentionally challenging cross-border scenario which brought together Police Scotland and Northumbria Police, countless agencies from across the UK and both the UK and Scottish governments, testing our ability to work across separate legal systems in response to what could have been a sustained attack in both Scotland and England.

I took part, chairing a meeting of COBR on Tuesday where UK and Scottish government ministers worked together to consider how best to support the front line emergency services and the wider investigation.

There were around 1,000 people involved in the exercise over 3 days and all were a credit to the organisations they represented.

I thank all those involved in the exercise for their efforts in ensuring its success, and for responding to the attack scenario in the same collected manner we have come to expect from our brilliant emergency responders. Be assured that the lessons learned from this exercise will be used to inform plans to respond to any future attacks.

I also extend my gratitude to the Royal Bank of Scotland, who hosted the initial stage of the exercise at their headquarters in Edinburgh and to their staff for contending with the noise and the road closures the exercise brought with it.

I have come away from this week reassured that the terrorist threat will always be met with a strong and unified response across the whole of the United Kingdom.

Police Scotland, Northumbria Police, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, North East Ambulance Service, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, Transport Scotland, NHS Scotland, NHS England and the Ministry of Defence took part in the exercise, as did Scottish and UK government ministers and officials.

City of Edinburgh, Angus and Northumberland County Councils also tested their responses to a terrorist incident in their areas.

Press release: Highest impact investor recognition for Innovate UK

The OBN Awards 2017 celebrate the best of UK life sciences and Innovate UK was judged the winner of the Highest Impact Investor award for its work in supporting innovative companies in the industry over the past year.

The announcement comes as [Innovate UK confirmed that a further 46 projects in the health and life sciences sector](#) will share £15 million in funding from its latest competition.

Innovate UK's Director of Health & Life Sciences Ian Campbell attended the ceremony, and said:

This was awarded unanimously by the judging panel and based on the special contribution that Innovate UK is making to growing and scaling SMEs.

As we celebrate Innovate UK's tenth anniversary, we are grateful for the recognition that this award gives us as a funder and supporter of high value UK businesses working in health and life sciences.

We were also encouraged to see so many Innovate UK supported businesses nominated or winning awards at the OBN ceremony.

Innovate UK is at the forefront of supporting UK business as they seek solutions and new approaches to healthcare, food production and quality. We committed to spend up to £117 million (21% of our core budget of £561 million) on health and life sciences in 2016/17.

The projects Innovate UK funded that have had success in the past year include:

The OBN Awards, which are in their 9th year, were presented in a ceremony at Oxford Town Hall (October 5) and recognise outstanding scientific innovation within biotech, medtech, digital, synthetic biology, the companies that support the industry and the fundraisers that make it happen.

Innovate UK

Innovate UK is the UK's innovation agency. Innovate UK drives productivity and growth by supporting businesses to realise the potential of new technologies, develop ideas and make them a commercial success.

Innovate UK is the trading name of the Technology Strategy Board, which is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and incorporated by Royal Charter in

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About the [OBN Annual Awards](#)

The OBN Awards, now in its 9th year, celebrate innovation and achievement across the UK life sciences industry.

About [OBN](#)

OBN is the membership organisation supporting and bringing together the UK's emerging life sciences companies, corporate partners and investors.

[Notice: SY8 2AJ, Mr Gareth Morgan: environmental permit application advertisement](#)

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- how you can view the application documents
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
- what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)