

Policy paper: Litter Strategy for England

Updated: Added a link to the annual progress reports for this strategy now that the first one (covering 2017 to 2018) has been published.

This strategy sets out how we will work with different local groups, local authorities, Highways England and businesses to reduce litter.

We will work to clean up the country, to change attitudes towards littering, and strengthen enforcement powers. This is the first Litter Strategy for England.

Read the [annual reports](#) setting out the progress made on the actions identified in this strategy.

Consultation outcome: Reducing litter: penalties for environmental offences

Updated: Added the summary of responses.

We want to know what you think about whether to increase the on-the-spot fines for littering, graffiti and fly-posting in England. We are also proposing new fines for the owners of vehicles from which litter has been thrown.

We are seeking views from:

- any authority which has enforcement powers on littering, including local councils, National Park Authorities, the Broads Authority, England parish or community councils
 - Local Government Association
 - vehicle-hire companies and taxi companies
 - environmental non-governmental organisations and charities
 - the public
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[News story: Losing GSI – MHRA emails are changing](#)

From 10 April, we are removing .gsi from our email addresses.

Launched in 1996, the Government Secure Intranet (GSI) has been used until now to guarantee the security of emails sent by Government agencies and Arms Length Bodies. Technology has changed a lot since 1996 and the GSI is now being phased out across Government.

What's changing?

Our new email addresses will be more secure, and the new system will protect against anyone trying to forge our domain name (the @mhra bit) and sending emails that claim to be from MHRA.

What do I need to do?

Update your MHRA email contacts and remove .gsi from our email addresses. Update any tools that use MHRA email addresses

Emails sent to email addresses including the .gsi will continue to be forwarded until further notice.

If you have any questions about this change or require more information please contact us on info@mhra.gov.uk

This change only affects email addresses ending in mhra.gsi.gov.uk –all email addresses ending in nibsc.org will remain the same.

[Press release: Foreign Secretary condemns Egypt terror attacks](#)

The Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said:

I am saddened and appalled by these attacks in Egypt, and strongly condemn them. My thoughts are with the Egyptian people and particularly those directly affected by these terrible acts. I offer my condolences to those grieving for lost friends and

relatives, and those suffering from injuries.

The UK continues to stand with Egypt against terrorism. These attacks only strengthen our determination to work together with the Egyptian government and people against this shared threat.

Further information

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[Press release: UK to increase Syria medical aid in wake of chemical attack](#)

The International Development Secretary announced additional funding today (09/04/2017), which will ensure health workers on the ground in Syria can deliver healthcare and essential medicines across the country; enabling them to prepare for future medical emergencies.

Global Britain has been at the forefront of the response to the Syria crisis, and we continue to lead international efforts by providing additional emergency medical support to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people.

This allocation builds on existing UK support to the World Health Organisation, which has enabled it to pre-position supplies and train medics in anticipation of an attack of this kind. As a result, WHO was able to rapidly deliver medicines including Atropine (an antidote for some types of chemical exposure) and steroids for treatment, ship in additional medicines, and provide immediate support to medics.

The new support from the UK will go to three NGOs on the ground and will provide a wider range of lifesaving medical aid right across Syria, including:

- access to clean water for 500,000 people for drinking and sanitation, to help prevent the spread of disease and sickness;
- medicines, medical supplies and equipment including basic surgical supplies such as sutures and pain medications for 340 primary health clinics and 69 hospitals;
- 1 million primary health care consultations, along with more than 30,000 mental health and psychosocial consultations for traumatised people; and
- training for more than 400 Syrian health workers responding to the

ongoing conflict.

Priti Patel said:

This was a brutal and indiscriminate attack. Unleashing the horror of chemical weapons on women, children and the defenceless is not only utterly deplorable, but it is the mark of a craven coward.

Those responsible must be held to account. And the victims must get the help they so desperately need – that is why we are providing further medical support not only for those subjected to the horrors of chemical attack, but for those countless victims of the equally deadly bombs, bullets and diseases that are devastating lives across Syria.

It is vital that the international community continues to support the Syrian people and the UK led calls at the Brussels Conference on Syria this week for donors to step up assistance to the most vulnerable people. As a result, \$6 billion in international funding was committed for the coming year.

Notes to editors

1. The new allocation of funding to WHO and two other undisclosed NGOs totals £7 million. It will support ongoing delivery of medicines and basic supplies to primary health clinics to treat minor illnesses, infections, chronic conditions and mental illnesses; primary healthcare and mental health support; and clean water and sanitation programming in Idlib.
2. It builds on £10.7 million provided to WHO last financial year (2016/17). WHO has been advised that any remaining UK funding from last year can be used flexibly as necessary in its ongoing response to the chemical attack.