

# Press release: One month on from Hurricane Irma

Commenting on progress made since Hurricane Irma struck islands across the Caribbean including Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands and the Turks and Caicos Islands on 7 September 2017, International Development Secretary Priti Patel said:

It was heart breaking to see the full extent of the devastation caused by the hurricanes; many homes were completely destroyed and families' lives were torn apart.

As soon as the hurricanes hit, the UK responded by leading the relief effort and making sure emergency supplies went to those who were worst-hit.

We are already seeing signs of daily life getting back to normal – schools are re-opening, local economies are back up and running and the debris and wreckage is being cleared.

Our UK task force is now working with the governments of the Overseas Territories to help them get on with the vital reconstruction work and to make sure the islands are built back more resiliently than in the past, so a future hurricane won't be as devastating.

## **Notes to editors**

- Signs of early recovery are emerging as the islands prepare to get back up and running.
- The governments of the Overseas Territories are leading the recovery plans for the islands and a taskforce from the UK is working alongside them to assess immediate and early recovery needs and priorities.
- Anguilla is getting back to business and the UK has played an important role in supporting that process. DFID-supplied timber, corrugated iron and plywood helped schools to re-open on the island this week. The local economy is starting up again with most businesses back up and running. Banks are accessible, supermarkets are receiving stocks and hotels and restaurants are preparing for the upcoming tourism peak
- In Turks and Caicos debris has been cleared from neighbourhoods and airports repairs have been carried out. Repairs have been carried out on the hospital in Grand Turk. The temporary flat pack schools in South Caicos now have electricity and water.
- In the British Virgin Islands, 16 schools have re-opened and the airport has reopened to commercial flights. 60-80% of homes were damaged or destroyed and poorer communities were hit hardest. UK military along with UK Aid cleared the wreckage of homes and provided shelters. The

airport has reopened to commercial flights

- Even though the hurricanes have gone, we will be dealing with the trail of destruction for the next few weeks, months and years. That is why we have pledged £62 million to the recovery efforts following both Hurricane Maria and Irma.
- 100% of all DFID procured aid has been delivered to the region.

#### **DFID Response Overview**

- 2896 shelter kits, 4990 solar lanterns and 10,000 buckets are already in the region, as well as additional supplies from HMS Ocean

#### **British Virgin Islands: UK aid**

43 RAF transport flights, more than four tonnes of food and water and more than 816 shelter kits, as well as radios, debris clearing equipment, building materials, generators and communications equipment.

#### **Turks and Caicos Islands UK aid**

0.8 tonnes of bottled water, 922 Shelter Kits, 170 plastic sheets, four flat-pack schools, debris clearing equipment, building materials, generators, communications equipment, solar lantern, fuel and forklifts.

#### **Anguilla: UK aid**

6.8 tonnes of food and water, 18 tonnes of lumber, 1,000 Sheets corrugated iron, shelter kits, 15 Generators, debris clearing equipment, communications equipment, solar lanterns, 100 metres of electric cable and 500 hygiene packs.

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## **[Press release: PM to host Business Advisory Council at Downing Street](#)**

The Prime Minister will hear views of experienced business leaders and discuss ways to ensure a successful Brexit at the next meeting of the new business advisory council at Downing Street on Monday.

At the quarterly council meeting, views will be heard from a range of businesses including HSBC, Morgan Stanley and Vodafone – to inform the government's approach to Brexit and wider issues of importance to the UK economy.

The Prime Minister will set out the government's vision for a successful Brexit, reiterating her recent Florence speech that the overarching goal is

for a smooth, orderly exit so businesses can benefit from a period of implementation. She will make clear the government is working towards a new partnership with the EU, one based on a joint commitment to free trade and high standards.

The Prime Minister welcomed the valuable contributions made by businesses at the first business council in July, including discussions on how to boost productivity, drive investment, build business confidence, and strengthen the positive role of business within society.

The government is continuing to engage with businesses at all levels with the Secretary of State for Exiting the EU Rt Hon David Davis recently hosting company leaders at Chevening, a series of business meetings with the Chancellor, Business and EU Exit Secretary of States and new post-negotiation roundtable briefings with business.

Ahead of the next council, the Prime Minister said:

Last month in Florence I set out my vision for a bold and unique new economic partnership with the EU. We are working hard to achieve this and are optimistic about our future as a global, free-trading nation.

The Business Advisory Council is an important part of our preparations for leaving the EU – allowing us to seek the views of experienced business leaders and to share with them the government's vision for a successful Brexit.

Cabinet Ministers attending the Business Advisory Council will be:

- Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP, Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- Rt Hon David Davis MP, Secretary of State for Exiting the EU
- Rt Hon Liam Fox, Secretary of State for International Trade

Attending businesses will be:

- Balfour Beatty
- WPP
- HSBC
- GSK
- Morgan Stanley
- Bridgewater
- JCB
- Vodafone
- EY
- Aston Martin
- Whitbread
- Nestle
- ABF

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## [News story: Office for Life Sciences appoints new Director](#)

Kristen McLeod takes up post of Director of the Office for Life Sciences from 13 November 2017.

The Department of Health (DH) and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) are pleased to announce that Kristen McLeod will take up the post of Director of the Office for Life Sciences from 13 November 2017.

After 3 and a half years, Dr Nicole Mather has chosen not to renew her secondment to government. Nicole will continue working with life sciences industry leadership as part of OLS through the autumn, aiming to shape a Sector Deal by the end of 2017.

Kristen has over a decade of experience working in health and across Whitehall, most recently as Director of Strategy at the Department of Health.

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## [News story: Update on the future of DWP jobcentres](#)

Colne

80 Market Street, Colne

BB8 0HS Nelson Jobcentre Closed August 2017 Farnworth

99 King Street, Farnworth, Bolton

BL4 7AX Great Moor Street and Blackhorse Street Jobcentres Closed August 2017

Whitley Bay

158 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay

NE26 2LY North Shields Jobcentre Closed August 2017 Hoylake

1 The Quadrant, Wirral

CH47 2EE Birkenhead Upton Jobcentre Closed August 2017 Newton le Willows

13-15 Market St.

Earlestown

WA12 9BQ St Helens Gregson House Jobcentre Closed August 2017 St Nicholas House

6 St Nicholas Street, Hereford

HR4 0DD Co-location with Local Authority Closed September 2017 Tredegar

Crown Building Upper

Coronation St.

NP22 3NA Ebbw Vale Jobcentre Closed September 2017 Petersfield  
14A Chapel Street

GU32 3DP Havant Jobcentre Closed September 2017 Stalybridge  
15 Waterloo Road, Stalybridge

SK15 2AX. Ashton under Lyne and Hyde Jobcentres Closed September 2017 Sutton  
in Ashfield  
Ashbrook House, Forest St,  
Sutton in Ashfield

NG17 1BH. Co-location with Local Authority Closed September 2017 Liverpool  
Norris Green  
150 Parthenon Drive, Liverpool

L11 5BN West Derby and Everton Jobcentres Closed September 2017 Darwen  
Green St, Darwen

BB3 1AG Blackburn Orchard Jobcentre Closed September 2017 Manchester Chorlton  
Jobcentre  
Graeme House, Wilbraham Rd, Chorlton, Manchester

M21 9BU Manchester West Didsbury Jobcentre Closed September 2017 Newark  
41 Lombard St, Newark

NG24 1EP Co-location with Local Authority Closed September 2017 Bournemouth  
Winton  
Wimborne Rd

BH9 2AR Bournemouth Tamarisk House Jobcentre Closed September 2017 Broxburn  
97 East Main St.

EH52 5EE Livingston Jobcentre 6 October 2017 Mountain Ash  
New County Rd.

CF45 4HU Aberdare Jobcentre 6 October 2017 Plaistow  
3-9 Balaam St. Plaistow

E13 8EB Canning Town and Stratford Jobcentres 6 October 2017 Pyle  
Ffald Road Shopping Centre

CF33 6BP Porthcawl Jobcentre 6 October 2017 Hornchurch  
Pioneer House, North St

RM 11 1QZ Romford Jobcentre 20 October 2017 Wilmslow  
Venture House  
46-52 Water Lane

SK9 5AH Macclesfield Jobcentre 20 October 2017 Clay Cross  
Bridge St.

S45 9EF Alfreton and Chesterfield Markham Jobcentres 27 October 2017  
Manchester Atherton  
129 Market St.

M46 0DF Leigh Jobcentre 27 October 2017 Port Glasgow  
6 Scarlow St.

PA14 5EY Greenock Jobcentre 27 October 2017 Bolsover  
Unit 3, 3 Cotton St

S44 6HA Staveley Jobcentre 3 November 2017 Stornoway  
13-15 Francis St.

HS1 2NA Stornoway Castle Street, DWP office 3 November 2017 Edmonton Annex  
135 Upper Fore St  
London

N18 2XF Edmonton Jobcentre 10 November 2017 Thetford  
Townsend House  
Guildford St.

IP24 2DT Co-location with Local Authority 10 November 2017 Abingdon Torus House  
38-44 Stert St.

OW14 3QS Co-location with Local Authority 17 November 2017 Fort William Waverley House  
High St.

PH33 6XX Co-location with Local Authority 17 November 2017 Liverpool Aintree  
70 Walton Vale

L9 4RQ Bootle Park House Jobcentre 17 November 2017 Glasgow Anniesland  
21 Herschell St.

G13 1HT Partick Jobcentre 24 November 2017 Highgate  
1A Elthorne Rd. Highgate Hill

N19 4AL Finsbury Park and Barnsbury Jobcentres  
Centre for Health and Disability Assessments to Wood Green Jobcentre 24  
November 2017 Liverpool (City Centre)  
20 Williamson Square

L1 1PW. Co-location with Local Authority 24 November 2017 Eltham  
1 Passey Place

SE9 5DA Woolwich Jobcentre 1 December 2017 Helston  
Star House, 5 Coinagehill, St Helston, Cornwall

TR13 8ER Co-location with Local Authority 1 December 2017 Leyland  
71 Towngate

PR25 2LR Co-location with Local Authority 1 December 2017 Batley  
26 Wellington St.

WF17 5HZ Dewsbury Jobcentre 8 December 2017 Clevedon  
28 Old St. Co-location with Local Authority 8 December 2017 Edgware  
Middlesex House, 29-45 High St.

HA8 7DX Hendon Jobcentre 8 December 2017 Bristol Central  
Eagle House, 1 St Stephens St.

BS1 1EN Co-location with Local Authority 15 December 2017 Lewisham (Catford)  
9-19 Rushey Green

SE6 4AZ Forest Hill, Bromley and Peckham Jobcentres 15 December 2017  
Newcastle, Condercum House  
171 West Rd.

NE15 6PL Newcastle Cathedral Square Jobcentre 15 December 2017 Wick  
Girnigoe Street  
Caithness

KW1 4HJ Co-location with Local Authority 15 December 2017 Bristol Easton  
442-450 Stapleton Rd. Co-location with Local Authority 5 January 2018 East  
Ham  
473 Barking Rd.

E6 2LL Barking, Canning Town and Stratford Jobcentres 5 January 2018 Shipley  
Wainman Street

BD17 7DN Bradford Eastbrook Court Jobcentre 5 January 2018 Finchley  
40 Ballards Lane

N3 2BL Barnet Jobcentre 12 January 2018 Glasgow  
Maryhill Rd.

G20 9DH Springburn Jobcentre 12 January 2018 Goldthorpe  
High Street

S63 9LQ Mexborough Jobcentre 12 January 2018 Totnes  
Westward House, New Walk

TQ9 5WA Co-location with Local Authority 12 January 2018 Dagenham  
Chequers Lane

RM9 6PS Barking Jobcentre 19 January 2018 Glasgow Langside  
152-158 Battlefield Rd.

G42 9JT Newlands Jobcentre 19 January 2018 Liskeard  
Bell House, 7-9 Church St. Co-location with Local Authority 19 January 2018  
Spalding  
Broadgate House, Westlode St.

PE11 2BQ Co-location with Local Authority 19 January 2018 Andover  
6 London St. Hampshire

SP10 2PA. Co-location with Local Authority 26 January 2018 Haverhill  
65 and 67A High St.

CB9 8AH Co-location with Local Authority 26 January 2018 Skipton Cavendish  
House  
Newmarket St.

BD23 2HN Westgate Shopping Centre Jobcentre 26 January 2018 Southall  
68 The Broadway

UB1 1QD Ealing and Acton Jobcentres 26 January 2018 Blackpool South  
South Tyldesley Rd. Blackpool

FY1 5DJ Co-location with Local Authority 2 February 2018 Glasgow Bridgeton  
9 Muslim St.

G40 4AZ Shettleston Jobcentre 2 February 2018 Hull Market Place  
South Church Side

HU1 1RU Hull Britannia House Jobcentre 2 February 2018 Huntingdon  
2-6 Hartford Rd.

PE29 3PB Co-location with Local Authority 2 February 2018 Kidderminster  
12 Lower Mill St.

DY11 6TT Co-location with Local Authority 2 February 2018 Kingston  
3 Brook St.

KT1 2EY Co-location with Local Authority 2 February 2018 Newton Abbot  
Sherborne House, Kingsteignton Rd.

TQ12 2PG Co-location with Local Authority 2 February 2018 Bargoed  
44/46 High St.

CF81 8RD New building to be acquired 9 February 2018 Blackpool North  
43 Queen Street.

FY1 1HQ Co-location with Local Authority 9 February 2018 Brixton  
12 Stockwell Ave.

SW9 7AY Kennington Park, Stockwell and Streatham Jobcentres 9 February 2018  
Glasgow Easterhouse  
Shandwick Shopping Centre  
Shandwick St.

G34 9DR Shettleston Jobcentre 9 February 2018 Mansfield Hill House

NG18 1LN Co-location with Local Authority 9 February 2018 Woking  
15-29 Goldsworth Rd. Co-location with Local Authority 9 February 2018  
Coleford  
1 Mushet Walk. Co-location with Local Authority 16 February 2018 Derby  
Forester

DE1 1NW Co-location with Local Authority 16 February 2018 Leeds Eastgate  
529 York Rd.

LS9 6TF Leeds Park Place Jobcentre 16 February 2018 Neasden  
Chancel House

Neasden Lane  
NW10 2XH Harlesden and Wembley Jobcentres 16 February 2018 Glasgow Parkhead  
1181 Duke St.  
G31 5NW Shettleston Jobcentre 16 February 2018 Wythenshawe  
Simon House, Wavell Rd.  
M22 5RA Co-location with Local Authority 16 February 2018 Blackwood Newbridge  
House  
75-77 High St.  
NP12 1YY New building to be acquired 23 February 2018 Brighthouse  
Owler Ings Road  
HD6 1EH Halifax Jobcentre 23 February 2018 Clapham  
Maritime House, Old Town  
SW4 0JW. Stockwell, Kennington Park and Streatham Jobcentres 23 February 2018  
Derby  
Normanton Road  
DE1 2GW Co-location with Local Authority 23 February 2018 Oxford  
Floyds Row  
Aldates  
OX1 1SS Oxford Worcester Street Jobcentre 23 February 2018 Kilburn  
3 Cambridge Ave.  
NW6 5AH Wembley and Kentish Town Jobcentres 2 March 2018 Lanark  
Atholl House  
55-57 Bannatyne St.  
ML11 7NR Co-location with Local Authority 2 March 2018 Liverpool Edge Hill  
Kinglake House  
Shenstone St.  
L7 3PF Toxteth Jobcentre 2 March 2018 Boston  
Crown House  
PE21 8SJ Co-location with Local Authority 9 March 2018 Hammersmith  
22 Glenthorne Rd.  
W6 0PP Fulham and Shepherds Bush Jobcentres 9 March 2018 Herne Bay  
22-26 Bank St, Kent  
CT6 5EA Canterbury Jobcentre 9 March 2018 Wellington  
67 New St.  
TF1 1NW Telford Jobcentre 9 March 2018 Whitstable  
133 High St.  
Kent  
CT5 1AP Canterbury Jobcentre 9 March 2018 Winsford  
High St.  
CW7 2AH Co-location with Local Authority 9 March 2018 Croydon  
17-21 Cherry Orchard Rd.  
CR9 6BX Co-location with Local Authority 16 March 2018 Liverpool Wavertree  
92 High St  
L15 8HQ Toxteth Jobcentre 16 March 2018 Madeley,  
Church Street,  
Telford,  
TF7 5RH Telford Jobcentre 16 March 2018 Tunbridge Wells  
88 Grosvenor Rd.  
Kent  
TN1 2AX Tonbridge Jobcentre 16 March 2018 Coventry  
Tile Hill

CV4 9GR Coventry Cofa Court Jobcentre 23 March 2018 Kings Lynn  
Lovell House  
St Nicholas St.  
PE30 1LR Co-location with Local Authority 23 March 2018 Wandsworth  
Jessica House  
Red Lion Square  
SW18 4LS New building to be acquired 23 March 2018 Leytonstone  
Robart House  
1-3 Lemna Rd.  
E11 1JJ Walthamstow Jobcentre 30 March 2018 Redditch  
St Stephens House  
Prospect Hill  
B97 4DL Co-location with Local Authority 30 March 2018 Hounslow  
10 Montague Rd.  
TW3 1LE New building to be acquired 6 April 2018

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## [Press release: Toyota celebrates 25 years of manufacturing in Wales](#)

**Originally released by Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd.**

Toyota Motor Manufacturing (UK) Ltd celebrated the milestone of 25 years of manufacturing vehicle engines in Wales on 6 October. The guests of honour at the ceremony were Minister for the UK Government in Wales, Guto Bebb MP and Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates AM.

Since the start of engine production in 1992 the plant has produced over 5.1 million engines/ engine sets in total and in 2010 became the first plant outside Japan to manufacture Toyota's class leading Hybrid engine.

The engine plant currently supplies to Toyota plants in Europe and across the World including Africa, Turkey, Japan and South America. The state of the art manufacturing facility in North Wales currently produces 1.6ltr and 1.8ltr petrol engines and 1.8ltr Hybrid engines.

**Minister for the UK Government in Wales, Guto Bebb MP said:**

I have been delighted to witness the benefits of Toyota's longstanding investment in Deeside to the North Wales regional economy.

Today is a celebration of the sustainable employment created by Toyota in the area, contributing to a stronger Welsh and UK economy. It is also a recognition of the plant's commitment to

cutting edge engine technology, making Wales a leading exporter in the Hybrid engine field.

**Commenting on this important milestone, the Economy and Infrastructure Secretary, Ken Skates said:**

I am delighted to be at Toyota to celebrate 25 year of engine production here on Deeside. As a Government we are proud of our strong relationship with Toyota, indeed they are one of our key anchor companies, and of huge strategic importance to both the North Wales and broader Welsh economy.

Toyota are known and respected throughout the world. As a Welsh Government we look forward to continuing our productive relationship with the company and I am optimistic t that there will many more milestones ahead for us to celebrate together.

**Jim Crosbie Toyota Manufacturing UK Director added:**

This is an important milestone for Toyota Manufacturing UK's Engine plant. It confirms Toyota's long term commitment to the economy and providing employment in advanced manufacturing in Wales. We are proud to be in Wales and would like to thank the Welsh and local governments, our local communities and particularly our members and customers.

Today is an opportunity for everyone involved with Toyota in Wales to celebrate the achievements of the last twenty five years and look forward to the new challenges and opportunities in the years to come.