

DoNER Ministry alongwith Tezpur University to encourage entrepreneurship in Northeast

Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DONER), jointly with the Department of Business Administration, Tezpur University and North Eastern Finance Corporation Limited (NEDFi), is coming up with a Business Idea Challenge to encourage entrepreneurship in the North-East Region (NER).

Greens warn of NHS disaster after EEA doctors say they may leave UK



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The Green Party is urging the Government to reassure EU nationals they are welcome in the UK after a survey revealed 12,000 EEA-trained doctors may leave in light of the Brexit vote [1].

Jonathan Bartley, Green Party co-leader, said:

“The potential for EU nationals to be treated like bargaining chips in Brexit negotiations, is all too apparent in these figures. The Government’s rhetoric and failure to provide assurances have had a clear impact on doctors’ lives.

“The NHS is already under immense pressure and if such a large number of staff leave in such a short space of time it will be a complete disaster. The Government needs to recognise the incredible contributions EU nationals make to our society and give concrete reassurances they can continue the lives they’ve built in the UK.”

Notes:

1. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/feb/23/thousands-eea-doctors-may-leave-uk-after-brexit-survey-bma>

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Night Flights Consultation

In light of the problems with aircraft noise and nights flights in the constituency I have lobbied Ministers, Heathrow and the National Air Traffic Services (NATS). Please find below the letter I have written to Department of Transport in response to their consultation on night flights.

I would also strongly encourage residents to contribute to the consultation which ends on 28 February

at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/night-flight-restrictions-at-gatwick-heathrow-and-stansted>.



News story: Civil news: opportunity to deliver housing and debt services

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We welcome expressions of interest to deliver housing and debt services in North Hertfordshire.

We are inviting expressions of interest from 2013 Standard Civil Contract holders for the delivery of housing and debt services in the North Hertfordshire procurement area.

This opportunity is open to all holders of the 2013 Standard Civil Contract, and is not limited to current housing and debt providers.

You can apply to deliver services in North Hertfordshire by downloading and completing the relevant expression of interest document from our civil tenders' page on GOV.UK – see below.

We are interested in hearing from organisations able to meet the requirements of the 2013 Standard Civil Contract in full.

But we will also consider applications from organisations which feel unable to fully meet the 'permanent presence' or the 'supervisor' requirements.

Organisations interested in delivering any these services must complete and return the relevant expression of interest document(s) by the deadline of 12pm on Thursday 9 March 2017.

Further information

civil.contracts@legalaid.gsi.gov.uk – to return the expression of interest document

[Civil tenders](#) – to find out more and download documents

Policy paper: The Isles of Scilly: protecting the quality of groundwater

Before 2010, the Isles of Scilly were exempt from UK environmental legislation. However, Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) have been extended to the islands, so now the Environment Agency is responsible for monitoring and protecting the quality of groundwater on the Isles of Scilly.

The majority of drinking water on the islands comes from groundwater.

It is crucial these sources of groundwater are safeguarded and that the water is of high quality both for environmental reasons and to support safe abstraction for consumption.

The EPR regulations may mean that in future an environmental permit is needed where sewage effluent is discharged to ground soakaways on the islands. This is to ensure that the treatment and discharge of sewage effluent is well managed and does not pose risks to the quality of groundwater.

The reports published by the Environment Agency detail a groundwater quality survey and the delineation of Source Protection Zones.