

UK House Price Index for November 2020

The November data shows:

- on average, house prices have risen 1.2% since October 2020
- there has been an annual price rise of 7.6% which makes the average property in the UK valued at £249,633

England

In England, the November data shows on average, house prices have risen by 1.2% since October 2020. The annual price rise of 7.6% takes the average property value to £266,742.

The regional data for England indicates that:

- London experienced the greatest monthly price rise, up by 4%
- the East of England saw the lowest monthly price growth, with a fall of -0.3%
- London and Yorkshire and the Humber experienced the greatest annual price rise, up by 9.7%
- the East of England saw the lowest annual price growth, with a rise of 4.8%

Price change by region for England

Region	Average price November 2020	Annual change % since November 2019	Monthly change % since October 2020
East Midlands	£208,662	7.1	0.6
East of England	£302,624	4.8	-0.3
London	£513,997	9.7	4.0
North East	£140,248	8.3	2.6
North West	£180,280	8.5	0.2
South East	£342,271	6.2	1.2
South West	£278,391	8.5	1.1
West Midlands	£213,974	6.9	1.0
Yorkshire and the Humber	£180,856	9.7	1.9

Repossession sales by volume for England

The lowest number of repossession sales in September 2020 was in the East of England.

The highest number of repossession sales in September 2020 was in the North East.

Repossession sales	September 2020
East Midlands	22
East of England	7
London	23
North East	60
North West	66
South East	36
South West	14
West Midlands	20
Yorkshire and the Humber	48
England	296

Average price by property type for England

Property type	November 2020	November 2019	Difference %
Detached	£409,644	£377,293	8.6
Semi-detached	£251,846	£234,008	7.6
Terraced	£217,744	£201,028	8.3
Flat/maisonette	£233,614	£222,243	5.1
All	£266,742	£247,867	7.6

Funding and buyer status for England

Transaction type	Average price November 2020	Annual price change % since November 2019	Monthly price change % since October 2020
Cash	£250,255	7.3	1.1
Mortgage	£274,999	7.8	1.3
First-time buyer	£222,334	7.2	1.2
Former owner occupier	£304,659	8.1	1.2

Building status for England

Building status*	Average price September 2020	Annual price change % since September 2019	Monthly price change % since August 2020
New build	£323,994	4.9	-0.7
Existing resold property	£256,239	4.3	1.3

*Figures for the two most recent months are not being published because there are not enough new build transactions to give a meaningful result.

London

London shows, on average, house prices rose by 4.0% since October 2020. An annual price rise of 9.7% takes the average property value to £513,997.

Average price by property type for London

Property type	November 2020	November 2019	Difference %
Detached	£982,085	£904,492	8.6
Semi-detached	£636,993	£580,116	9.8
Terraced	£548,982	£495,186	10.9
Flat/maisonette	£442,304	£405,653	9.0
All	£513,997	£468,757	9.7

Funding and buyer status for London

Transaction type	Average price November 2020	Annual price change % since November 2019	Monthly price change % since October 2020
Cash	£539,792	10.5	5.4
Mortgage	£506,203	9.4	3.6
First-time buyer	£445,945	9.3	3.8
Former owner occupier	£586,662	10.1	4.2

Building status for London

Building status*	Average price September 2020	Annual price change % since September 2019	Monthly price change % since August 2020
New build	£507,961	2.0	-0.9
Existing resold property	£496,541	4.5	1.4

*Figures for the two most recent months are not being published because there are not enough new build transactions to give a meaningful result.

Wales

Wales shows, on average, house prices have risen 2.0% since October 2020. An annual price rise of 7.0% takes the average property value to £180,229.

There were 36 repossession sales for Wales in September 2020.

Average price by property type for Wales

Property type	November 2020	November 2019	Difference %
Detached	£273,737	£254,121	7.7
Semi-detached	£174,223	£163,573	6.5
Terraced	£140,917	£130,664	7.8
Flat/maisonette	£118,998	£116,734	1.9
All	£180,229	£168,516	7.0

Funding and buyer status for Wales

Transaction type	Average price November 2020	Annual price change % since November 2019	Monthly price change % since October 2020
Cash	£175,123	7.0	2.1
Mortgage	£183,289	7.0	1.9
First-time buyer	£155,270	6.7	2.0
Former owner occupier	£209,468	7.2	1.9

Building status for Wales

Building status*	Average price September 2020	Annual price change % since September 2019	Monthly price change % since August 2020
New build	£227,409	4.7	-3.7
Existing resold property	£167,794	4.0	-1.8

*Figures for the two most recent months are not being published because there are not enough new build transactions to give a meaningful result.

[Access the full UK HPI](#)

Google Chrome is blocking downloads of our UK HPI data files (Chrome 88 onwards). Please use another internet browser while we resolve this issue. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

The UK HPI is based on completed housing transactions. Typically, a house purchase can take 6 to 8 weeks to reach completion. The price data feeding into the November 2020 UK HPI will mainly reflect those agreements that occurred after the government measures to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) took hold.

UK house prices

UK house prices increased by 7.6% in the year to November 2020, up from 5.9% in October 2020. On a non-seasonally adjusted basis, average house prices in the UK increased by 1.2% between October and November 2020, compared with a fall of 0.4% during the same period a year earlier (October and November 2019).

The UK Property Transactions Statistics showed that in November 2020, on a seasonally adjusted basis, the estimated number of transactions of residential properties with a value of £40,000 or greater was 115,190. This is 19.3% higher than a year ago. Between October and November 2020, UK transactions increased by 8.6% on a seasonally adjusted basis.

House price growth was strongest in Yorkshire and the Humber and London where

prices increased by 9.7% in the year to November 2020. The lowest annual growth was in the East of England, where prices increased by 4.8% in the year to November 2020, up from 4.3% in the year to October 2020.

See the [economic statement](#).

Background

1. The UK House Price Index (HPI) is published on the second or third Wednesday of each month with Northern Ireland figures updated quarterly. The December 2020 UK HPI will be published at 9.30am on Wednesday 17 February 2021. See [calendar of release dates](#).
2. We have made some changes to improve the accuracy of the UK HPI. We are not publishing average price and percentage change for new builds and existing resold property as done previously because there are not currently enough new build transactions to provide a reliable result. This means that in this month's UK HPI reports, new builds and existing resold property are reported in line with the sales volumes currently available.
3. The UK HPI revision period has been extended to 13 months, following a review of the revision policy (see [calculating the UK HPI](#) section 4.4). This ensures the data used is more comprehensive.
4. Sales volume data is also available by property status (new build and existing property) and funding status (cash and mortgage) in our [downloadable data tables](#). Transactions involving the creation of a new register, such as new builds, are more complex and require more time to process. Read [revisions to the UK HPI data](#).
5. Revision tables have been introduced for England and Wales within the downloadable data. Tables will be available in csv format. See [about the UK HPI](#) for more information.
6. Data for the UK HPI is provided by HM Land Registry, Registers of Scotland, Land & Property Services/Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency and the Valuation Office Agency.
7. The UK HPI is calculated by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) and Land & Property Services/Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency. It applies a hedonic regression model that uses the various sources of data on property price, in particular HM Land Registry's Price Paid Dataset, and attributes to produce estimates of the change in house prices each month. Find out more about the methodology used from the [ONS](#) and [Northern Ireland Statistics & Research Agency](#).

8. The [UK Property Transaction statistics](#) are taken from HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) monthly estimates of the number of residential and non-residential property transactions in the UK and its constituent countries. The number of property transactions in the UK is highly seasonal, with more activity in the summer months and less in the winter. This regular annual pattern can sometimes mask the underlying movements and trends in the data series so HMRC also presents the UK aggregate transaction figures on a seasonally adjusted basis. Adjustments are made for both the time of year and the construction of the calendar, including corrections for the position of Easter and the number of trading days in a particular month.
9. UK HPI seasonally adjusted series are calculated at regional and national levels only. See [data tables](#).
10. The first estimate for new build average price (July 2016 report) was based on a small sample which can cause volatility. A three-month moving average has been applied to the latest estimate to remove some of this volatility.
11. The UK HPI reflects the final transaction price for sales of residential property. Using the geometric mean, it covers purchases at market value for owner-occupation and buy-to-let, excluding those purchases not at market value (such as re-mortgages), where the 'price' represents a valuation.
12. Information on residential property transactions for England and Wales, collected as part of the official registration process, is provided by HM Land Registry for properties that are sold for full market value.
13. The HM Land Registry dataset contains the sale price of the property, the date when the sale was completed, full address details, the type of property (detached, semi-detached, terraced or flat), if it is a newly built property or an established residential building and a variable to indicate if the property has been purchased as a financed transaction (using a mortgage) or as a non-financed transaction (cash purchase).
14. Repossession sales data is based on the number of transactions lodged with HM Land Registry by lenders exercising their power of sale.
15. For England, this is shown as volumes of repossession sales recorded by Government Office Region. For Wales, there is a headline figure for the number of repossession sales recorded in Wales.
16. The data can be downloaded as a .csv file. Repossession sales data prior

to July 2016 is not available. Find out more information about [repossession sales](#).

17. Background tables of the raw and cleansed aggregated data, in Excel and CSV formats, are also published monthly although Northern Ireland is on a quarterly basis. They are available for free use and re-use under the Open Government Licence.
18. HM Land Registry's mission is to guarantee and protect property rights in England and Wales.
19. HM Land Registry is a government department created in 1862. Its ambition is to become the world's leading land registry for speed, simplicity and an open approach to data.
20. HM Land Registry safeguards land and property ownership worth in excess of £7 trillion, including over £1 trillion of mortgages. The Land Register contains more than 25 million titles showing evidence of ownership for some 87% of the land mass of England and Wales.
21. For further information about HM Land Registry visit www.gov.uk/land-registry.
22. Follow us on [Twitter](#), our [blog](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

[The UK-Japan Free Trade Summit](#)

Good morning. Thank you, Sir David [Wright], for your introduction, and to City and Financial Global for organising today's event.

I am delighted to be here at this important summit alongside Hiroshi Matsuura and Graham Zebedee, the chief negotiators of the United Kingdom and Japan's great new trade deal.

We are here today to talk about the political, economic, and financial opportunities ahead for our like-minded island nations.

Political vision: Alliance of democratic nations

2021 is a crucial year. The UK is back as an independent trading nation, with a lower, simpler and greener tariff regime and deals done covering 63 nations plus the EU – securing £897 billion of trade.

Of these deals, our new Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with Japan is the jewel in the crown as we go for the first time under the UK's independent trade policy further and faster in digital and data, the creative industries, rules of origin and legal protection for UK food and drink.

As we prepare to champion free and fair trade on the world stage, I cannot think of a better nation to be standing alongside us than Japan.

We can help the world build back better after the Covid crisis through the UK's hosting of the G7 this year and Japan's chairing of the Comprehensive and Progressive agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership.

These are golden opportunities for us together to advance the cause of free and fair trade.

As the hosts of the G7, the UK will be inviting other leading democracies as guests to support our alliance of democratic nations. We need to work together with these countries, who alongside us cover 52 per cent of world GDP, to ensure free trade is not undermined by practices such as environmental degradation, non-market economies artificially subsidising goods or the violation of human rights.

We will work together in the run-up to the first WTO Ministerial Conference for three years, likely to be held in December.

Today, of course, sees the inauguration of President Biden, who has said he is committed to working with fellow democracies to set the rules of the road of international trade. I look forward to working with the newly appointed United States Trade Representative, Katherine Tai, to work on that alliance of democratic nations.

I know that Japan too is a close ally of the United States, and together we can support democracy, rules-based trade and a cleaner planet.

Bilateral relationship

Japan and the UK are natural partners in this mission.

As island nations, we both have to trade in order to improve the prosperity of our people and to secure the goods that we need. Autarky is not an option.

But we also know that trade has brought huge prosperity to our nations. Look at how Japan thrived from the 1960s by embracing exports and competitive taxes... and the benefits felt across the UK after Margaret Thatcher ushered in new Japanese investment.

Put simply, trade equals jobs... as Japanese investment supports over 150,000 jobs across the country from Nissan in Sunderland to Fujitsu in Birmingham.

As fellow democracies, we have a strong shared interest in ensuring trade does not undermine our values and the way of life we have built over generations.

We have a huge opportunity to set new standards in new areas like digital and data, intellectual property, services trade and environmental provisions.

We have seized this opportunity by agreeing a truly British-shaped trade deal, which delivers more for our key industries than before.

I am proud to say the terms of the deal are now live, which means that right now:

Our technological innovators can benefit from a joint digital market, built on cutting-edge provisions protecting the free flow of data, source code and banning data localisation.

Our services providers can do business in the third largest economy in the world even more easily through clear, transparent rules for visas and greater mobility arrangements.

And our creative industries will have their brands protected, as we go beyond the EU in tackling the online infringement of IP rights.

I am looking forward to delivering the full benefits of our deal this year... with over 70 of our fantastic products from Welsh lamb and Scotch beef to English sparkling wine set to be protected geographical indications, subject to domestic processes.

We will work to ensure all British businesses can access the opportunities on offer through our network of International Trade Advisers, the Export to Japan portal and our information on Gov.uk.

CPTPP

This agreement paves the way for the UK to join Japan in one of the world's most dynamic trading areas: CPTPP.

Japan was instrumental in making this high-standards agreement happen through its vision of a group of like-minded nations wanting to shape global trade in the right way.

We will shortly submit our formal request to join this free trade area, and are delighted that Japan is ready to welcome the UK into the fold, alongside other vibrant members such as Chile and New Zealand.

The benefits are there to see, whether it is the deeper access to nearly £9 trillion of GDP covered by its members, the modern rules of origin, the 95% tariff-free trade on goods traded between members from cars to seafood, or the modern standards in services, data and digital trade.

These modern standards would play to the UK's strengths as a global hub for services and technology trade. We are already the second largest exporter of services globally, and third in the world for billion dollar "tech unicorn" success stories.

Together, we can help set the standard for trade in the 21st century, promote higher standards in green trade and pile pressure on the World Trade

Organisation to reform.

The WTO Ministerial Conference later this year is a real opportunity for us to tackle the disputes and dysfunctionality that have riven the global trading system, as we build back a better trading environment.

UK-Japan: building back better

After a thorough and fair negotiation with my good friend and counterpart Toshimitsu Motegi and his team, I am proud to say Japan and the UK have a fantastic trading relationship.

We are perfect partners as island democracies. We share a desire for free and fair trade under cutting-edge rules, as promoted by CPTPP, while delivering jobs and opportunity at home.

But this alliance is not just about supporting our economies through trade. We are working together on security and defence; we are pushing new frontiers in innovation through our Global Partnership on AI and we are both committed to net zero in the run up to Cop26. On every front, Japan is showing itself to be a true friend of the United Kingdom.

My hope is that 2021 can be the year our two great island democracies weather the unprecedented challenges caused by this Covid crisis and build back better so we can seize the unparalleled opportunities ahead. Together, we can make that happen.

United Kingdom – Canada Regulatory Cooperation

News story

UK-Canada Regulatory Cooperation: Guidance on Veterinary Drug Simultaneous Reviews published.



The Veterinary Medicines Directorate and Health Canada's Veterinary Drugs Directorate (VDD) have been discussing the opportunity to conduct simultaneous reviews of veterinary medicines submissions.

The VMD is pleased to announce the publication of the United Kingdom-Canada Regulatory Cooperation: [Guidance on Veterinary Drug Simultaneous Reviews](#).

This guidance document will serve as the foundation for simultaneous reviews of veterinary medicines submissions by our two agencies.

The guidance represents an important step forward by expanding opportunities for industry to simultaneously access two major markets. It provides opportunities to reduce burdens and to have a single project team working on the submission pathway working to common assessment timeframes. It also supports our shared aim of expanding access to treatment options for animals and helping food producers stay competitive globally.

The guidance outlines how the review process will work. It is intended to complement each country's legislative and regulatory framework and associated technical guidelines, which remain in place.

This is an exciting opportunity and we look forward to working with the veterinary pharmaceutical industry on this new initiative.

Please contact Gavin Hall g.hall@vmd.gov.uk, the VMD's Head of Regulatory Affairs, if you would like further clarification or would like to discuss any potential projects that you may have which would benefit from this opportunity.

To contact the Canadian Authorities directly, email: hc.vdd.international-international.dmv.sc@canada.ca marked for the attention of Meggan Davis.

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[UK Export Finance unlocks trade to Egypt and supports UK jobs with £1.7bn guarantee](#)

- First export of UK-built trains for over 12 years allows Bombardier to expand manufacturing capacity in Derby
- UK Export Finance provides £1.7bn backing for deal with Egypt
- Government-backing part of commitment to help exporters across the UK build back better and take advantage of new trade deals

A consortium led by Bombardier Transportation has confirmed a deal with the

Egyptian Government to build two new monorails thanks to £1.7 billion backing from UK Export Finance (UKEF), the largest amount of financing it has ever provided for an overseas infrastructure project.

International Trade Secretary Liz Truss today announced the government guarantee, which will support highly skilled jobs in Derbyshire as the UK builds back better in the aftermath of coronavirus.

Bombardier's consortium was named preferred bidder for the project at the 2020 UK-Africa Investment Summit and, with UKEF's guarantee, has secured the financing needed to fulfil the contract and start production. Bombardier can now invest in its manufacturing centre in Derby where the trains for the Egyptian monorails will be designed and built.

This will be the UK's only monorail car production line and will directly support 100 UK jobs at the company and many more in its UK supply chain.

This news comes as the UK hosts the [Africa Investment Conference](#) today (January 20 2021), its first major international investment conference as an independent trading nation. The UK-Africa trade relationship was valued at £35 billion in 2019, with around £54 billion of bilateral investment stock on top of that. The UK is by far the biggest foreign direct investor in Egypt and continues to aspire to be its trade and investment partner of choice, and UKEF will play a key role in this shared vision for growth.

International Trade Secretary Liz Truss said:

Trade is an incredibly powerful way to propel growth and create jobs as we recover from the pandemic. This deal shows why we are so determined to get businesses to grasp these opportunities and take advantage of the support available from Government.

One third of our economy is exports. That's why support from our export credit agency is vital. It can help the UK get a bigger slice of the global economic pie, secure jobs across the country and make the most of our newfound independence as a trading nation.

Matt Byrne, president of Bombardier Transportation (UK and Ireland), said:

The Cairo Monorail export win, against international competition, shows that that the UK rail sector can fight and win in key growth markets such as sustainable transport.

This is the first UK export since our Derby-built trains were exported to South Africa for the Gautrain project in 2008.

Thanks to UKEF's support and those working in Embassies across North Africa, this new deal will bring sustainable benefits to Egypt and create job opportunities in the UK.

The financing came together at the height of the pandemic, which would not have been possible without the commitment of all parties involved, including strong support from the lawyers. The project is of significant national importance to Egypt, and we are honoured to have been selected by NAT and the Government of Egypt to deliver this UKEF-backed financing, which will enable this major project to become a reality.

Ashurst partner Tom Longmuir, said:

This is a transformational infrastructure project, which will generate huge social benefits for Cairo residents and for Egypt. We are delighted to have assisted JPMorgan and UK Export Finance in bringing a complex financing to a successful close in testing market conditions.

Bombardier employs 4,000 people in the UK, with around 2,000 in Derby including over 400 specialised engineers, who develop and build trains for rail franchises across Britain. This expertise will be used to build and maintain two electrified monorails that together will transport millions of people every year in the Cairo metropolitan area. The new lines will connect the New Administrative City with East Cairo and 6th October City with Giza.

The monorails are a part of Egypt's plans to build a sustainable transportation infrastructure that can cope with its growing population while reducing climate change impacts.

Bombardier also sees additional opportunities to increase its exports of UK built trains using its new production line as global demand for fast, sustainable public transportation solutions increases.

The UKEF supported Buyer Credit facility will be administered by JP Morgan acting as the Initial Mandated Lead Arranger and the Facility Agent. Reinsurance support has also been secured with the help of Italian ECA SACE and Spanish ECA CESCE.

About UK Export Finance

[UK Export Finance](#) is the UK's export credit agency. It exists to ensure that no viable UK export lacks for finance or insurance from the private market, providing finance and insurance to help exporters win, fulfil and get paid for export contracts.

About Bombardier Transportation

Bombardier Transportation is a global mobility solution provider leading the way with the rail industry's broadest portfolio. It covers the full spectrum of solutions, ranging from trains to sub-systems and signalling to complete turnkey transport systems, e-mobility technology and data-driven maintenance

services. Combining technology and performance with empathy, Bombardier Transportation continuously breaks new ground in sustainable mobility by providing integrated solutions that create substantial benefits for operators, passengers and the environment. Headquartered in Berlin, Germany, Bombardier Transportation employs around 36,000 people and its products and services operate in over 60 countries.

[£148 million to cut drugs crime](#)

Today (20 January 2021) the Home Secretary Priti Patel and Health Secretary Matt Hancock announce a £148 million new investment to cut crime and protect people from the scourge of illegal drugs.

The £148 million package takes a system-wide approach to the problem of illegal drugs. It gives extra resources to law enforcement to dismantle organised criminal gangs and tackle the supply of drugs. At the same time, it delivers more money for drug treatment and recovery to help cut drug-related crime and the cycle of misuse and reoffending. It represents the largest increase in drug treatment funding for 15 years.

Building on recent successes in tackling county lines gangs, the government will double the funding available for law enforcement to take down and bring to justice county lines gangs and drug kingpins. The £40 million of new money to tackle county lines and drugs supply brings the total invested to £65 million since November 2019.

The funding has already seen more than 3,400 people arrested, more than 550 lines closed, drugs with a street value of £9 million and £1.5 million cash seized, and more than 770 vulnerable people safeguarded.

A further £28 million will be invested into piloting Project ADDER – a new intensive approach to tackling drug misuse, which combines targeted and tougher policing with enhanced treatment and recovery services. Project ADDER (which stands for Addiction, Diversion, Disruption, Enforcement and Recovery) will bring together partners including the police, local councils and health services, and run for 3 financial years in 5 areas with some of the highest rates of drug misuse: Blackpool, Hastings, Middlesbrough, Norwich and Swansea Bay.

The funding will allow the police to target local gang leaders driving the drugs trade while better helping people to recover from addictions.

An extra £80 million will also be invested in drug treatment services right across England to give more support to offenders with drink and drug addictions, which can fuel crime. This new money will increase the number of treatment places for prison leavers and offenders diverted into tough and effective community sentences. Together the funding represents a

comprehensive drive by the government to build back safer from the pandemic by helping people break free from the scourge of drug use and cutting drug-fuelled crime and violence.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said:

I am determined to cut crime and make our streets safer, which is why we are recruiting 20,000 more police officers, toughening sentences and making sure the police and prisons have the powers and tools they need to clamp down on criminals and stop re-offending.

But it is clear that drugs are a serious driver of the violence which devastates communities and robs young lives. That is why we must take action to cut off supply and cut the head off the snake by tackling the criminal gangs which exploit young people.

We must also help people to get off drugs in the first place and that is why we are launching Project Adder, a new, targeted approach which will ramp up local enforcement, while at the same time diverting more people into recovery, backed up by the largest investment in treatment in 15 years.

Home Secretary Priti Patel said:

I am determined to cut crime and restore confidence in our criminal justice system, so that people can live their lives knowing their family, community and country is safe.

The government's work to tackle county lines drugs gangs has already resulted in thousands more people being arrested and hundreds more vulnerable people being safeguarded, but we must do more to tackle the underlying drivers behind serious violence.

That is why today's announcement will provide the largest investment in drugs treatment and support in 15 years, while also giving more resources to law enforcement so they can continue dismantling organised criminal gangs and tackling the supply of drugs.

Health and Social Care Secretary Matt Hancock said:

Addiction and crime are inextricably linked and to truly break the cycle we must make sure people can access the help they need to get their lives back on track for good.

This is the largest increase to drug treatment funding in 15 years and underlines our absolute commitment to reduce drug-related

deaths, offending and use.

As part of this package, £2.5 million will also be invested in providing continuity of care for prisoners on release to avoid this becoming a crisis point. The enhanced RECONNECT service supports offenders with complex needs to engage with and get the right treatment from mental health, substance misuse and other services, for up to a year after release. Offenders will be supported by expert care navigators working with health and probation services.

The money will also support offenders into treatment upon release from prison and fund additional detox beds and the life-saving overdose medicine, naloxone. By saving lives and providing treatment former offenders have the chance and support to break the cycle of crime and addiction.

The increase in drug treatment funding will help us provide lifesaving overdose medicine to every heroin user in the country that needs it and will help end the postcode lottery for inpatient treatment so that people from across the country can come off drugs safely.

This work follows the appointment in February 2019 of Professor Dame Carol Black to undertake an independent review of drugs.

Last year she provided detailed analysis of the challenges posed by drug supply and demand, including the ways in which drugs fuel serious violence.

The second part of her review launched in July 2020, focused on treatment, recovery and prevention, with an overarching aim of ensuring vulnerable people with substance misuse problems get the support they need to recover and turn their lives around in the community and in prison.

It will consider how treatment services can enable people with a drug dependency to achieve and sustain their recovery – spanning the wide range of support they may need, including with across mental health, housing, employment, and criminal justice agencies.

Dame Carol Black said:

Drug treatment has a vital role to play in helping people to come off drugs and thereby reduce crime, from minor acquisitive crime right through to homicide. The evidence for this is abundantly clear – drugs drive crime.

I am therefore delighted to hear that the government is to invest an additional £80 million in drug treatment. This will assist local authorities to improve the services they deliver in this important area, in all their various aspects.

Areas to be funded by Project ADDER are

1. Blackpool – £4.8 million
2. Hastings – £4.35 million
3. Middlesbrough – £4.58 million
4. Norwich – £4.8 million
5. Swansea Bay – £1 million