

Manifesto for a strong UK economy outside the EU

The pharmaceutical industry in the UK is key to the success of the UK economy. The global pharmaceutical market is growing, with the UK a world leading manufacturer and exporter. The industry is also the UK's biggest investor in research and development.

Through the life-saving medicines it provides for patients, it supports the NHS to profoundly change the lives of millions of people.

Leaving the EU will present significant challenges to the stability of the industry in the UK.

At this critical time, it is vital that we send a strong message that the UK is open for business.

The ABPI is calling on the UK's political leaders to ensure that the roadmap for the UK leaving the EU secures the future of our country's pharmaceutical industry.

- **Minimise business uncertainty:** for a sector that plans a decade ahead, it is critical to maintain long-term frameworks and policies and to ensure there is thorough discussion with the pharmaceutical industry on measures affecting it, including in the negotiations with the EU on the terms of the UK's exit.
- **Open the UK to the world:** set up a government-industry taskforce to align the UK regulatory regime for medicines with established international regimes; and maintain the ability of companies to retain and recruit highly-skilled employees from the UK, the EU and the rest of the world.
- **Promote innovation for a strong, competitive UK:** mitigate some of the challenges of leaving the EU by putting innovation at the heart of a new approach to industrial strategy, investing in science and innovation and making the NHS a powerhouse for the economy by enabling it to give fast and fair access to new medicines for all patients.

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