

New strategy sets out future of science and engineering capability across government

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A new strategy published today sets out how science and engineering expertise will continue to support decision making across government.

The Government Science and Engineering profession strategy 2026 describes how the Government Science and Engineering (GSE) profession will strengthen capability and leadership across departments, building on progress made since the 2021 strategy.

The new strategy places greater emphasis on how science and engineering capability is developed and sustained across government, with clearer priorities for existing programmes.

Professor Dame Angela McLean, Government Chief Scientific Adviser and Head of the GSE profession, said:

Science and engineering equip us with the tools to help us understand our changing world and shape decisions to create a more resilient future for the United Kingdom.

This strategy sets out how the Government Science and Engineering profession will put science and engineering at the heart of government decision making, ensuring we have the very best expertise to ask the right questions, provide evidence, and make decisions that will stand the test of time.

The strategy introduces new and strengthened initiatives, including a mid-career leadership offer for scientists and engineers, work to improve skills, recognition and reward, and continued development of existing programmes such as the Science and Engineering Fast Stream.

Around 10,000 people are members of the GSE profession, working across the Civil, Public and Crown Services to support policy development, delivery and regulation.

Find out more about the Government Science and Engineering profession.

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