



# CRD's transformation Journey: Building the Future Regulator

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# CRD Vision, Mission and Strategic Objectives

## Mission

**Protect people and places through the safe and effective use of chemicals to support a sustainable future.**

## Vision

**As a globally respected Competent Authority, support the UK to prosper through science-led regulation of the effective and safe use of chemicals and associated technology**

## Strategic Objectives

- **Deliver chemicals regulation effectively in an independent UK environment**
- **Improve services to UK businesses and the public**
- **Reduce the cost of regulatory service delivery**
- **Improve quality and timeliness of 'permissions' issued to businesses**
- **Deliver world-class scientific and regulatory chemicals expertise**
- **Engage and influence global chemicals regulatory regimes**

# Transformation Programme

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- New and expanded responsibilities post EU exit
- **CRD in year 2 of a 5 year transformation programme**
- Programme invests in:
  - People
  - New digital systems
  - New processes





## CRD - across all regimes

- Sept 2020 – 243 FTE
- March 2022 – 355 FTE
  - ↑46% from pre EU exit levels
- **Current: c.400 staff**
  - ↑65% from pre EU exit levels
- **Plan c.500 by March 2024**

# New Digital systems

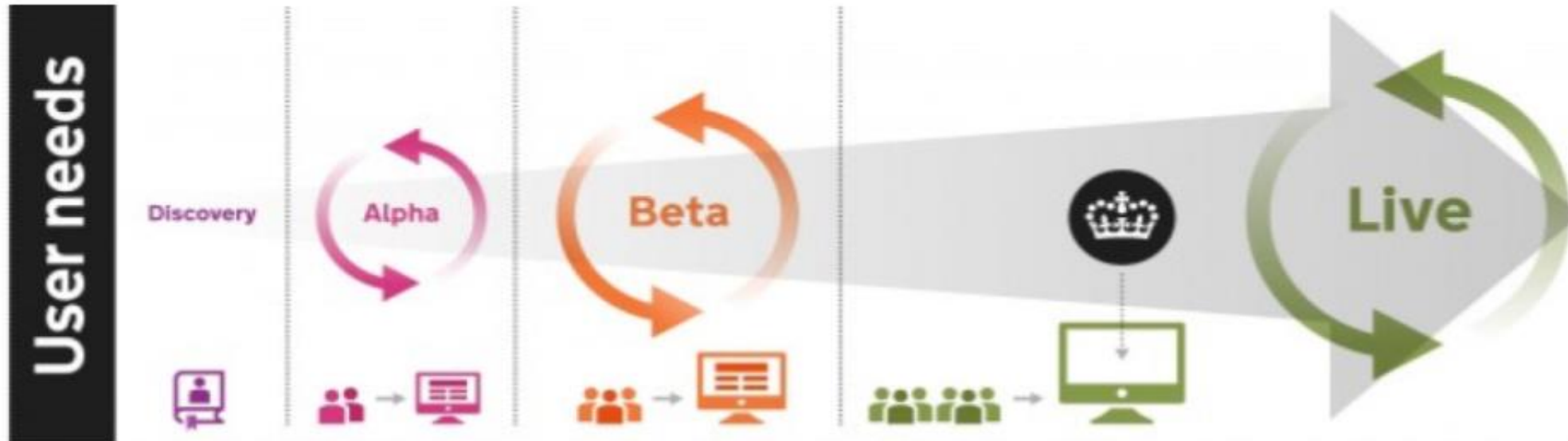
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- Day 1 - Interim Operating Capability to;
  - mitigate loss of access to EU systems
  - support the delivery of new regulatory functions
- Post day 1 – Biocides and Pesticides Transformation Programme (BPTP):
  - to deliver a **transformed, modern digital service,**
  - harmonising the registration of biocides and pesticides



# Timeline: Developing New Digital Systems for Biocides and Pesticides

## Agile methodology



### Discovery

Conducting User Research and understanding users' needs. Asking: *'do we need to build something?'*

### Alpha

Developing and testing prototypes with small user groups. Viability mapping with internal stakeholders

### Private Beta → Public Beta

Developing and testing at larger scale. Making a working test version available first to a limited user group until confident it can run at scale, then to the public.

### Live + Ongoing Evaluation

Continuing to iterate and improve based on user feedback. Sustainably supporting service delivery. Asking: *'Is what we built effective?'* and *'Does it continue to address users' needs?'*

The 'Digital by Default' process. First published 2013 by [GDS](#)

Nov 20 –  
Mar 21

May–Aug 22

TBC –  
starts late 2022

April 2024



# Processes

- **Harmonising delivery of biocides and pesticides**
  - **Streamlined processes**
  - **Significantly improve internal and external users' experience**
- improved quality, efficiency and effectiveness.
  - quicker and more flexible
  - new products onto the market quicker
  - enables strategic decisions based on market changes.
  - supports availability and use of safer alternatives.



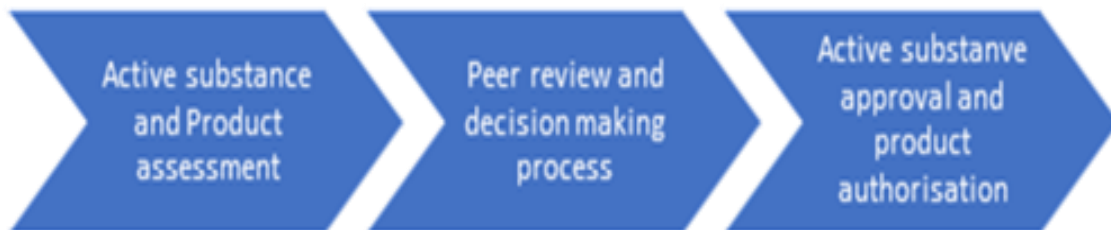
# Processes : Quicker and More Flexible

## EU process – 6 stage process running in sequence



## UK process – 3 stage process

- Runs stages 1 & 5 (of EU process) simultaneously
- Single peer review stage combined with decision making
- Active substance and product authorisation delivered simultaneously



## • Example - Cinmethylin

- HSE announced approval of new active substance and first product in June 2022
- Expect to be significantly ahead of EU decision



# Priority areas of work

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- **National Action Plan for Pesticides (NAP)**
- **Active Substance Review Programme**
- **Official Control Regulations (OCR)**
- **Retained EU Legislation (REUL) & Northern Ireland Protocol (NIP)**
- **Supporting Defra policy development**
- **Evaluation delivery as capacity and capability built**

# Any Questions?



BPTP – Beta testing phase - Get involved: [bpt\\_programme@hse.gov.uk](mailto:bpt_programme@hse.gov.uk)