

Your weekly update of the key topics making the headlines.

Based around the seven characteristics of the Good Employment Charter

15 JUNE – 19 JUNE 2026

SECURE WORK

[Usage of IR35 tool provided by HMRC in sharp decline - Personnel Today](#)

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Usage of HMRC's Check Employment Status for Tax (Cest) tool fell by a further 43% during the 2025-26 tax year.

[Consultation published on reforms of zero hour contracts - NHS Employers](#)

NHS Employers

... Employment Rights Act 2025 to end one-sided flexibility. Those measures will ensure all jobs provide a baseline level of security and ...

FLEXIBLE WORK

[Government consultation opens on time off for public duties - NHS Employers](#)

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... available on GOV.UK. The consultation closes at 11:59pm on 4 September 2026. Share. Contact: Employment Checks. Theme: Employment standards and ...

[The first Parent Strike is coming as families say raising children is too hard right now](#)

MadeForMums

Thousands of parents are expected to join the UK's first Parent Strike, calling for better leave policies and flexible working.

PAY

[Automatic enrolment: alternative quality requirements for defined benefit, hybrid and ... - GOV.UK](#)

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... employee benefit consultants, and any other interested parties. Purpose of the call for evidence. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) is ...

[DOORSTEP DRAMA: Evri drivers hugely reject pay deal](#)

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... pay in a "groundbreaking" deal with the GMB Union, while average courier pay is around £20.86 an hour, above the National Minimum Wage. Related ...

[Welsh Government accelerates funded childcare expansion with new funding](#)

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At full rollout, the new childcare offer will be the most generous anywhere in the UK. Wrexham has today joined Swansea, Merthyr Tydfil and Newport in ...

[HMRC delays full introduction of new benefits in kind rules - Personnel Today](#)

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... Manager to join its growing UK & European arm. Know. Recruiter: Hays Human Resources. Apply for this job · People Partner. Macmillan Davies. Stoke-on ...

[National Coalition for Workplace Savings launches - Professional Pensions](#)

Professional Pensions

... UK adults to save regularly through workplace saving schemes, which ... Employee Benefits Association (REBA). The coalition operates through ...

[NFU Scotland Calls for Agricultural Wages Board to be Scrapped Within 12 Months](#)

NFU Scotland

"Scottish farmers support fair pay and good employment practices, but ... employment arrangements operating elsewhere in the UK. Notes to ...

ENGAGEMENT AND VOICE

[Alternative People Survey 2026 launches](#)

Civil Service World

Risk Management · Counter Fraud Zone · Trailblazing Women · Events ... UK's leading public service training provider rebrands as Total Training.

[Strike threat at Prestwick Airport averted after Unite union agrees pay deal for 400 workers](#)

The Scotsman

Unite said the deal guaranteed the real living wage of £13.45 per hour for all permanent staff. Workers will also get an extra leave day this year

[1 in 4 women in events reported sexual assault. NOWIE launches landmark industry-wide ...](#)

Event Industry News

The Network of Women in Events CIC (NOWIE) has announced the launch of the second edition of the NOWIE Big Survey- a major UK ... Career progression and ...

[College accused of union-busting in landmark legal ruling - GMB Scotland](#)

GMB Scotland

An Employment Tribunal ruled attempts by the college to stop three reps ... scotland@gmb.org.uk · Follow GMB Scotland on Twitter RSS Feed. Share ...

[Resident doctors to vote on government offer to end strikes | Department of Health and Social Care](#)

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Resident doctors will vote on an offer that will see see greater opportunities for career progression, better pay and improved working conditions.

[RMT confirms further strike action in Carlisle Support Services pay dispute](#)

RMT

... employer. RMT General Secretary Eddie Dempsey said: "Carlisle Support Services is attempting to present its Living Wage Foundation obligations as ...

RECRUITMENT

[Alan Milburn: Employers should prioritise new starters - Personnel Today](#)

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Offer the mentoring, structure and patience that turns potential into ... BAE Systems is the UK's largest private-sector apprenticeship employer ...

[Demand for roles using AI surges by two-thirds - Personnel Today](#)

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The firm's AI Jobs Barometer found 180,000 such UK job postings in 2025, up 61% on the previous year, returning to levels last seen in 2022. The ...

[£8.5m work experience boost for young people furthest from the labour market](#)

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority

... support and work experience. Steve Rotheram, Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, said: "Every young person has something to offer, but too many

[Council decision paves the way for one of country's biggest employment parks](#)

Business Live

Bolton council's West of Wingates masterplan sets out the criteria and design expectations for the massive development on the western edge of ...

[M&S Launches 1000 Training Places for Young People Across Stores - With no Degree Required](#)

Marks & Spencer - M&S

... UK and Ireland. Designed to open opportunities for people at the start of their careers, the programme will focus on leadership skills, hands-on ...

[Early Careers Jobs Alliance launched to tackle AI impact - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

The scheme will see 400,000 young people from the most disadvantaged schools in the UK ... supported by TechFirst, the government's skills programme.

[Almost 180 more Youth Hubs to help young people build skills and find jobs - Wired-gov.net](#)

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... work opportunities with links to local employers with live ... mental health, wellbeing, employment and skills support for local young people.

[Workforce shortfall threatens UK government's Warm Homes Plan, trade body warns](#)

Energy Knowledge - Energy Institute

... low-carbon energy can bring a diverse range of good, well-paid jobs while lowering bills and boosting growth, according to Energy UK. Photo: Adobe ...

[AI education initiative for West Midlands launched | UKAuthority](#)

UKAuthority

The initiative is part of a wider UK Government-funded programme led by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT) to address ...

[LinkedIn and government join forces to help jobseekers build their careers - Wired-gov.net](#)

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It will see timely anonymised data on jobs, skills, hiring and workforce movement shared with Skills England from LinkedIn's network of 40 million UK ...

[Apprenticeship funding rules: summary of changes Version 1 - GOV.UK](#)

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main providers and employer-providers receiving funding for delivering apprenticeship training and on-programme assessment in England. employers of ...

[Shares jitter at City recruiter Hays after taking chop to operations](#)

City AM

Recruiters face fee slump. The move comes amid a bruising period for the jobs market. In the UK, accountancy firm BDO's employment index hit a 15 year ...

[New hires fall to lowest level since 2021 - Personnel Today](#)

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Ben Harrison, director of the Work Foundation at Lancaster University, said today's statistics show the labour market remains in a precarious position ...

[John Lewis Partnership to recruit 1,000 care-experienced young people by 2030](#)

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The programme was designed by people with lived experience of the care ... UK are not in employment, education or training, the highest level ...

[Hexaware Technologies sheds further light on plans to create about 1200 UK jobs](#)

Insider Media

The company will expand its delivery center in Birmingham and establish R&D centers in Manchester and Leeds. The investment aims to accelerate ...

[Digital platform is on a mission to transform hospitality gig work and staffing | TheBusinessDesk.com](#)

The Business Desk

Diisco, a new hospitality gig work platform designed to connect venues with flexible workers in real time, has officially launched in Leeds.

PEOPLE MANAGEMENT

[Pact boards ScreenSkills-accredited AI training scheme - Televisual](#)

Televisual

The project has been supported by Innovate UK's BridgeAI programme, which promotes AI adoption across high-growth UK sectors. The training builds

[Wonderhood Studios launches Inclusion Charter for Advertising - Marketing Report](#)

Marketing Report

Wonderhood Studios and The Diversity Standards Collective (DSC) have launched the Campaign Inclusion Charter, a framework designed to help ...

[Steel tariff loophole puts 30,000 fabrication jobs on the line | Construction Enquirer News](#)

Construction Enquirer

... UK-based fabrication businesses. Industry leaders say the situation is being exacerbated by rising global steel prices linked to tensions in the ...

[Generali launches Excellence Academy as insurer bets on people to drive AI-era growth](#)

Insurance Business

A quarter of UK insurance professionals face retirement. Generali ... Firms that can demonstrate well-funded, structured learning programmes ...

[Almost 200 more jobs could go at Dundee University | Alloa and Hillfoots Advertiser](#)

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[Innovate Finance Expands Pride in FinTech Initiative with New Mentorship and Leadership Channels](#)

The Fintech Times

Innovate Finance has opened applications for its fourth annual Pride in FinTech Powerlist, alongside launching a new mentorship programme and ...

[Staffordshire Games Institute launches industry mentor scheme - A Little Bit of Stone](#)

A Little Bit of Stone

University of Staffordshire has launched a new games industry mentor scheme linking students with six professionals from across the sector.

[The Paraplanner Club partners with Fundment to expand free mentoring - IFA Magazine](#)

IFA Magazine

... UK. Launched in 2021, The Paraplanner Club empowers current and ... Whether navigating exam preparation, career progression, interview ...

[Police launch national centre of AI | UKAuthority](#)

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Future work will also focus on using AI to track acquisitive crimes, such as tool and bicycle theft, to help return recovered property to victims.

[Reform UK's women's rights plan criticised by unions - Personnel Today](#)

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[Deloitte reveals winners of the UK's Best Managed Companies 2026](#)

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Multinational law firm Pinsent Masons has advised Sammons Enterprises on the disposal of materials handling equipment provider Briggs Equipment UK to ...

[BBC to cut £160m and 550 jobs](#)

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Staff have been told that voluntary redundancy will be available, but compulsory redundancies are also possible. These cuts form the first phase ...

[AO moves jobs out of UK despite boom in profits - Personnel Today](#)

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[Accenture: HR must take the lead on AI agents - Personnel Today](#)

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Major changes in how C-suite roles are structured are needed in response to the rise of AI, the chief executive of Accenture UK has said.

[LTC Launches Guide to Building Neuroinclusive Workforces for Hospitality Businesses](#)

British Guild of Beer Writers

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Notes to ...

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

[HSE consultation on RIDDOR reform: Modernising workplace incident reporting](#)

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UK Agency Policy · Business services · Legal secretaries and PAs. Change. Norton Rose Fulbright logo. Thought leadership · Publications; HSE ...

[Employers across Greater Manchester back new world-first drive to boost mental wellbeing](#)

BusinessCloud

... workplace meditation initiative aimed at improving employee wellbeing across Greater Manchester. ...

[How a vital online hub is helping businesses to support local community groups in Trafford](#)

I Love Manchester

Although businesses may be willing to support community groups, it's knowing how to find them. Here's how Match my Project is helping that.

[New mental health code aims to stop workplace pressures reaching crisis point](#)

Construction Management Magazine

The code, developed by a coalition including the Department for Business and Trade, The Crown Estate, BAM UK & Ireland, Mates in Mind and the ...

[Ben highlights loneliness challenge facing car dealership staff - AM-online](#)

AM-online

Automotive Management Live helped dealer group leaders: Understand which car brands are likely to thrive or merely survive in the UK's new car market ...

[Royal Mail boss: 6,500 postal workers off sick every day - Personnel Today](#)

Personnel Today

Martin Seidenberg, the chief executive of International Distribution Services (IDS), the Royal Mail owner, told The Times CEO Summit that the business ...

GENERAL

[UK Music Chief Executive Welcomes New Report Urging Government to Tear Down EU ...](#)

UK Music

... workers. The House of Commons CMS Committee are to be congratulated in ... Copyright © 2026 UK Music, Work.Life, 33 Foley Street, London W1W 7TL ...

[Tens of thousands of new jobs and more than £18 billion boost to British economy as Prime ...](#)

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The Prime Minister will welcome his Japanese counterpart Sanae Takaichi to Downing Street today [Sunday] ahead of the G7 in Évian-les-Bains. Japanese ...

[AI Scenarios 2030: Helping policymakers plan for the future of AI - GOV.UK](#)

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[£219 million to power Britain's green aviation revolution | Department for Transport](#)

Wired-gov.net

... UK, creating well-paid, skilled jobs in communities the length and breadth of the country. Investment in low carbon fuels is investment in the ...

[Manchester retains UK's top AI city crown for third year - Prolific North](#)

Prolific North

Average Innovate UK funding awarded per business (2025/26), based on AI and Data Economy funding; Number of AI businesses in each city, according to ...

[Prime Minister secures major jobs and energy investment at G7 to deliver growth and ... - GOV.UK](#)

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£1.3 billion in new investment secured from leading companies in France and India to back clean energy and AI projects in the UK ...

[GMCA commits to third year of £1m+ funding for FE colleges innovation programme](#)

The Business Desk

Following two successful years funded through Innovate UK's Further Education Innovation Fund, the programme will now transition to regional ...

[Manchester launches £10.5m production fund - Televisual](#)

Televisual

A new £10.5m fund is launching to attract major film and TV projects to Greater Manchester.

[GM Policy Hub supports GMCA and Manchester City Council to create ARI pilot for the city region](#)

The University of Manchester

The Greater Manchester Policy Hub and academics at The University of Manchester have supported the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) ...

[£50 million innovation funding awarded to five growth-driving projects in Greater Manchester](#)

Marketing Stockport

The £500 million LIPF is a Government programme being delivered through UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) aimed at strengthening regional innovation ...

ABOUT THE GREATER MANCHESTER GOOD EMPLOYMENT CHARTER

The Greater Manchester Good Employment Charter is a voluntary membership and assessment scheme which has been created to improve employment standards across all GM employers, regardless of size, sector or geography. Organisations within the private, public and third sectors are welcome to [join the movement](#).

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