As the UK leaves the EU, science needs the UK government to:

- Keep highly-skilled scientists working in the UK and ensure that international talented people still choose to come here and contribute to our globally competitive science.

- Ensure that UK and EU scientists can continue to work in each others’ countries with minimal friction, bureaucracy and cost.

- Demonstrate that the UK is a great place to do great science, and a welcoming place for people around the world to choose to bring their specialist skills and come and work.

- Keep access to money and networks which support the UK to work with scientists around the world.

- Maintain regulatory alignment that allows access to new medicines and new technologies.

- Ensure that the UK remains a part of Horizon 2020 (the EU’s research and innovation funding programme) to its end.

- Work to ensure that the UK has full association with the next EU research and innovation funding programme, Horizon Europe.

- Ensure that the UK can continue to take part in EU-wide clinical trials and European Reference Networks, which help us to do cutting edge research into new medical treatments and diagnostics, and give patients access to these.

- Agree regulation and governance that will ensure that scientists can continue to work together across borders and we can all benefit from the new medicines and technologies that they create.

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