



LMI bulletin 12

National News

- [Rise in Female Employment](#)

The BBC reports on the record number of women who are in full-time employment which contributes to the new high employment rate. In the three months to November 2019 there was a rise of 126,000 women working full-time compared to the previous quarter.

- [New Hollywood style studios to boost creative industries](#)

Over 2,000 jobs will be created with the new Sky Studios coming to Elstree. Subject to planning consent, the Hollywood style studios will open in 2022 and will generate a huge boost for the creative sector.

- [Legal Staff- future predictions](#)

A study commissioned by the Law Society from the Institute for Employment Studies indicates that the number of legal secretaries and support staff is predicted to fall significantly over the next decade. Overall the report predicts:

A fall in employment of 13,000 (4%) on the 321,000 employed in the law in 2017

The number of legal professionals and associates is projected to continue rising by around 2% a year

The number of legal secretaries will slump by two-thirds, while the numbers of other office support staff will fall by a quarter

In 1998, on average, one secretary was employed for every two legal professionals; by 2027 it is predicted there will be one for every 20.

- [Nursing bursaries reinstated](#)

Nursing bursaries are to be reinstated with £5,000 a year becoming available as well as an additional £3,000 for specialist disciplines such as mental health, from September 2020.

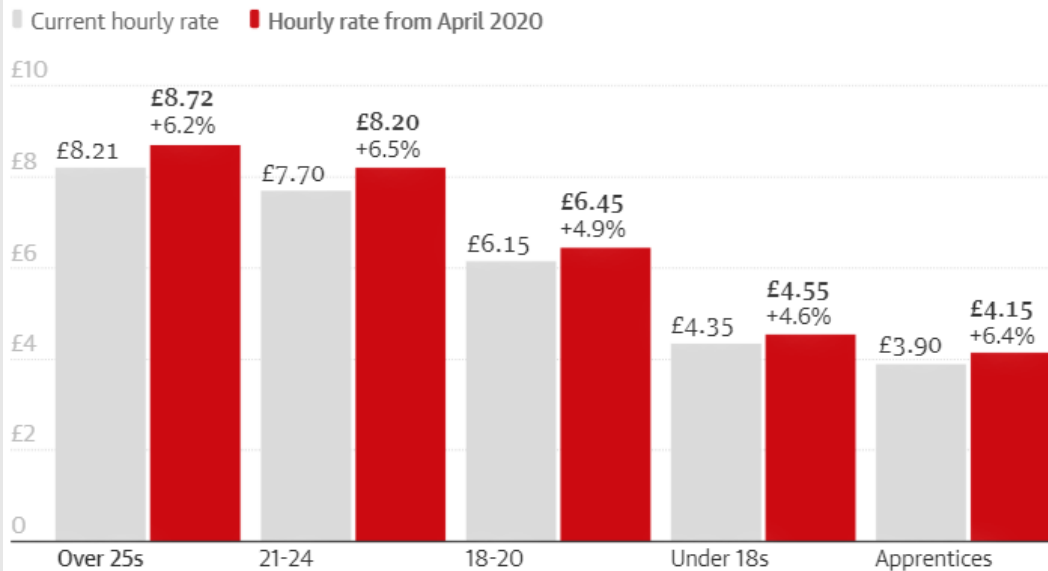
- [Location, location, location](#)

Business Live report on the survival rate of companies by UK city with Bristol gaining top place. Brighton and Hove is one of only two other cities which show a higher survival rate than the national average (44.1%), whilst Plymouth has the lowest start-up survival rate with only one in three businesses surviving over five years.

Conversely, regionally, the South West had the top survival rate at 45.6% fractionally better than the South East at 44.6%. Interestingly, London had the lowest survival rate of all UK regions at 39.3%.



The national living wage for over 25s will increase 6.2% from £8.21 to £8.72



Guardian graphic. Source: HM Treasury

- [50 Best Companies to work for 2020](#)
Business Live have published the 50 best companies to work for in the UK 2020. The 2020 list features employers hiring across a range of industries including technology, hospitality, finance, insurance and construction. Top of the ratings is Google.

Local News

- [Entrepreneurial Potential](#)
Brighton & Hove and Southampton are among the top places in Britain for potential to start or grow a business according to a new report The Great British Enterprise Opportunity report also mentions Reading in its list of towns likely to achieve their full entrepreneurial potential by 2030.
- [Crawley College STEM and Digital Skills Centre](#)
Crawley College is to benefit from Coast to Capital funding towards the development of their new STEM and digital skills centre which opens next year. The centre, once completed, will accommodate 1,000 new learners and 300 apprentices
- [Who is recruiting?](#)



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An insight into which employers had the most online vacancies in West Sussex and Brighton & Hove over the last 12 months. The National Health Service had the most vacancies with 5,602 vacancies.



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