

# Regulating for innovation

**Chris Carr**

Director, Better Regulation Executive

UK Government

May 2019



# The world is changing

Technological innovations are transforming how we live and work



# Regulation faces two challenges



**Pacing** – the rate of innovation is exceeding the rate at which regulation can adapt.

**Convergence** – the nature of innovation is transcending existing regulatory boundaries.

# A more agile approach to regulation is needed



We are developing an agile approach to regulation that promotes innovation – while ensuring effective protections for citizens and the environment.



# We have identified six goals



**1** We need to **be on the front foot** in reforming regulation in response to innovation

**2** We need to build **dialogue with society and industry** on how innovation should be regulated

**3** We need to ensure that our regulatory system is sufficiently **flexible and outcomes-focused** to enable innovation to thrive

**4** We need to enable **greater experimentation, testing and trialling of innovations** under regulatory supervision

**5** We need to support innovators to **navigate the regulatory landscape** and comply with regulation

**6** We need to **work with partners across the globe** to reduce regulatory barriers to trade in innovative products and services

# We need to be on the front foot in reforming regulation in response to innovation

---



Centre for  
Data Ethics  
and Innovation

1

# We need to build dialogue with society and industry on how innovation should be regulated

---



2



# We need to ensure that our regulatory system is sufficiently flexible and outcomes-focused



Centre for Connected  
& Autonomous Vehicles



3



# We need to enable greater experimentation, testing and trialling of innovations



Solicitors  
Regulation  
Authority



# We need to support innovators to navigate the regulatory landscape



Medicines &  
Healthcare products  
Regulatory Agency



**We need to work with partners across the globe to reduce regulatory barriers to trade**

---



**6**



