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DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY TO RELOCATE OPERATIONS AWAY FROM FORT HALSTEAD

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) has recently completed a review of the operations at its Fort Halstead site, located near Sevenoaks in Kent. As a result of this review the decision has been made that all of Dstl's operations will be relocated from Fort Halstead to its other two sites – Portsmouth West (near Portsmouth) and Porton Down (near Salisbury).

The relocation programme is expected to take about five years. By bringing together facilities and capabilities, the programme will result in more robust and resilient scientific support to national defence and security and will offer better value to the taxpayer.

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