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Corbyn plan to “copy” Spain on internet access

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THE Labour Party’s controversial plan to nationalise BT’s broadband network and provide free internet for all within a decade would still mean that Britain would still be far behind its European neighbours including Spain. Fewer than 10 percent of British premises have access to full-fibre broadband, according to Ofcom, far behind countries like Spain, Europe’s fibre leader, which plans to have 100% 300

Mbps fibre broadband by 2021. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn says that he was to bring Britain up to the broadband standards of other European nations. Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson has promised full-fibre broadband to all homes by 2025.

BT CEO Philip Jansen aims to recast the company as the national champion the country needs to upgrade communications for consumers and businesses.

He said BT is ready to accelerate a fibre broadband roll-out that reaches a home or a business every 26 seconds, as long as the government and the regulator create conditions that allow it to make a fair return.

But he said last month Johnson’s pledge would be “extremely difficult” to achieve.

BT’s full-fibre network will reach 4 million premises by 2021, and it has plans to reach 15 million by the mid-2020s if it stacks up commercially.

Smokers who switch to vaping rapidly boost heart health in trial

London.—Chronic smokers who switched from tobacco cigarettes to e-cigarette vapes in a large randomised control trial saw a significant improvement in markers of heart health after just a month, researchers said yesterday.

In study results likely to be closely scrutinised by health specialists worldwide, British scientists found that cigarette smokers who switched to nicotine-containing vapes saw a marked boost to their vascular function - a change that could lead to a significantly lower risk of cardiovascular disease.

“By switching from cigarettes to e-cigarettes we found an average percentage point improvement of 1.5 within just one month,” Jacob George, a professor of cardiovascular medicine and therapeutics at Britain’s Dundee University, told a briefing about the study.

“And to put that into context, each percentage point improvement in vascular function results in a 13% reduction in cardiovascular event rates, such as heart attack.”



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