

Patent Prosecution Highway: A UK perspective

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Existing PPH Agreements

- UK Japan PPH established July 2007
- UK US PPH established Sept 2007
- UK Korea PPH established Oct 2009



Uptake

PPH agreement	Requests to date
US to UK	18
JP to US	16
Kr to UK	0
UK to US	79
UK to JP	12
UK to Kr	0

Disappointingly low to date !

UK Context for PPH

- **Standard processing is relatively fast**
 - Normally search within 4 months of request
 - Combined search and exam available on request
 - No additional fee or reason
- **Other acceleration routes possible (with reason)**
 - Examination, publication, grant
- **Green channel**
- **PCT**

Why isn't PPH used more?

- Accelerated service
- No extra charge
- Liberal requirements