

# Cortex Research Launches Vera 1.6 — Britain's First Frontier AI System

The British AI startup has debuted a hybrid frontier model and integrated agentic platform built and hosted entirely in the UK, with more than 4,100 users signing up in the first week of beta.



**London, England Mar 15, 2026 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - Cortex Research, Britain's New Frontier AI Research Lab, has launched Vera 1.6, a proprietary AI model, and the Vera Platform, a unified agentic AI system trained, owned, and operated entirely within the United Kingdom. The public beta went live on 6 February 2026.

The launch marks a significant milestone for the UK's AI ecosystem. Frontier AI has until now been controlled by a handful of US-based laboratories commanding over £100 billion in investment. The UK has lacked an independent frontier AI research ecosystem — leaving British organisations dependent on foreign-controlled models for an increasingly critical national infrastructure. Cortex Research was founded to change that.

## Model Performance

Vera 1.6 is a high-performance AI model trained by Cortex Research in the United Kingdom. The model scores 92% on the HMMT February 2025 mathematics benchmark and 85.9% on GPQA Diamond, a graduate-level scientific reasoning evaluation placing it in competitive range with leading closed-source US frontier models.

## Platform Capabilities

The Vera Platform pairs Vera 1.6 with 20 specialised autonomous agents designed for complex reasoning, research, coding, and knowledge synthesis. Agents coordinate across tasks in real time, handling everything from document generation and data analysis to client communications and presentation creation.

The platform integrates natively with Slack, Gmail, and Google Drive, with voice and multi-modal capabilities available alongside enterprise security and compliance features. Image generation and conversational voice agents are expected in Q3–Q4 2026.

## Pricing

The Vera Platform is available now at [www.cortexresearch.co.uk](http://www.cortexresearch.co.uk) across three tiers: Starter at £20 per seat per month, Advanced at £40, and Professional at £200, which includes enterprise integrations, API access, compliance features, and dedicated support. Annual Teams and Enterprise plans are available on request.

## About Cortex Research

Cortex Research is Britain's Frontier AI Research Lab, developing high-performance, safe, and reliable AI systems trained, owned, and operated in the UK. The company's current research spans language and reasoning, image generation, and voice AI, with all models built on proprietary synthetic datasets developed in-house.

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