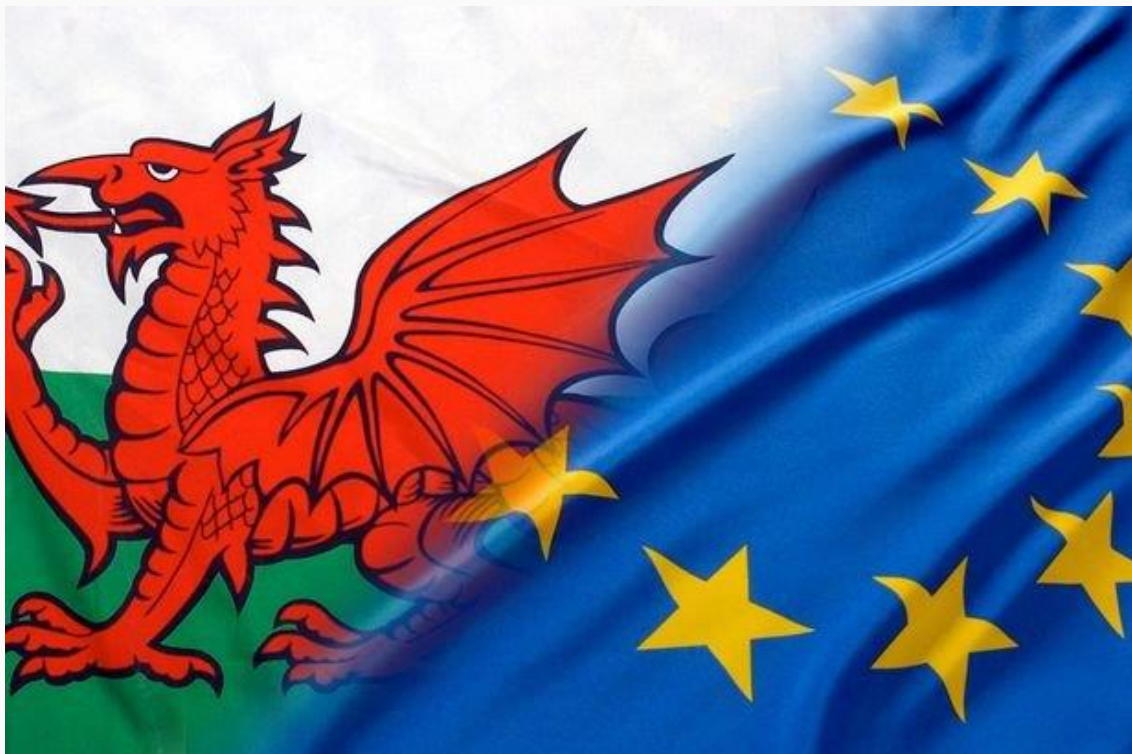




## BREXIT AT A GLANCE...

Weekly news, views and insights from the Welsh NHS Confederation  
Friday, 18 October



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### **What Happened This Week...**

The UK is set to leave the EU in less than a fortnight, which has meant a very busy week for both UK and Welsh Governments. The European Council Summit is in its final day – this is be an essential moment for PM Johnson's

new Withdrawal Agreement which was announced Wednesday and now endorsed by the EU. This followed the Queen's Speech on Monday where the Government set out several pieces of Brexit related legislation.

This week we also attended a UK Government organised Get Ready for Brexit event aimed at supporting businesses in advance for leaving the EU.

Discussions mainly related to signposting the [existing UK Guidance](#) with a focus on imports and exports, promoting the Settled Status programme, and answering questions related to data and intellectual property.

Today we've launched our [briefing on reciprocal healthcare](#) arrangements in the event of a no deal scenario. EU citizens living in Wales will be able to access healthcare the same way they do now as long as they are residents of Wales, regardless if they have applied for the Settled Status Scheme. Until a Withdrawal Agreement is passed, or other bilateral agreements are made with other countries, some level of uncertainty is likely to remain. Until arrangements are finalised, clinicians should continue to presume to treat EU nationals.

Following the result of what has been deemed 'Super Saturday', we will be updating our [Brexit Preparedness Toolkit](#). Stay tuned for an update early next week! Today we also [updated our FAQs](#) page this week to take into account recent advice on medicines, medical devices, and reciprocal healthcare arrangements for Spain.

Last week it was announced that over 2 million people across the UK have applied for Settled Status. In total, as of 30 September 2019, [29,300 from Wales](#) applications have been received which represents approximately 37% of the EU nationals present in Wales. EU citizens make up a vital part of our workforce, in both health and social care. They are truly valued and essential to the service and level of care we provide. If any member of staff needs assistance in making their application to the Settled Status Scheme, remember to refer them to [eusswales.com](#) here they can receive free immigration advice

from a wide range of third sector providers. We also have a [Brexit Managers Toolkit](#) which is useful in preparing for Settled Status.

If you have any questions about the Brexit process, please see our [FAQs](#) page for more details, or email any questions to [brexitfaqs@welshconfed.org](mailto:brexitfaqs@welshconfed.org). Please visit [our website](#) for more information and resources on current developments.

Nesta Lloyd-Jones,  
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Health and social care organisations in [#Wales](#) outlined their key issues as we head towards leaving the EU. This is the type of system we're working towards whatever the outcome of the [#brexit](#) negotiations: [nhsconfed.org/resources/2019...](https://nhsconfed.org/resources/2019...)



## Welsh Government News and Guidance

### Continuity of Medicines Supply – Information for patients and the public

Continuing to be able access to medicines after the United Kingdom (UK) leaves the European Union (EU) is a matter of great importance to patients and the public. The Welsh Government has been working with the UK Government and the pharmaceutical industry to ensure plans are in place to ensure the medicines people need are available in the event of a no deal EU exit. The message to professionals and the public remains clear, 'keep doing what you've always done'.

The Welsh Government has produced posters and a flyer (in [Welsh](#) and [English](#)) for use in community pharmacies and other health and social care settings.

Here is a link to the health and social care pages on [Preparing Wales](#) where you'll find a film from Andrew Evans, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer.

For further information, please see the [Preparing Wales for a no-deal Brexit](#) website and [click here](#) for more information on Health and Social Care sector planning for a no-deal Brexit.



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Worried about reciprocal healthcare after Brexit? Take a look at our new briefing to find out more:  
[buff.ly/2nYjLhB](https://buff.ly/2nYjLhB)



## National Assembly News

### [Brexit Update](#)

By Senedd Research on Wednesday 16 October 2019

Senedd Research publishes a fortnightly Brexit update, for the Assembly's External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, on the latest government, parliament, EU and other relevant announcements and reports on Brexit.

**Monday, 14 October**

External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee:

- [Consultation responses on changes to freedom of movement after Brexit](#) (Welsh NHS Confederation response published)

- The Welsh NHS Confederation was also [mentioned](#) in a response from the WLGA to the External Affairs Committee's consultation on changes to freedom of movement.

**Tuesday, 15 October**

[First Minister's Questions](#)

### **Brexit Discussions**

Carwyn Jones asked what discussions about Brexit the First Minister has had with the UK Prime Minister over the past month. Mark Drakeford said no discussions have taken place with Boris Johnson over the last month. Mr Jones argued that this shows “*a complete contempt*” for the people of Wales, the National Assembly and Welsh Government. He also argued that the current constitutional settlement is broken.

Mark Drakeford agreed with Mr Jones, saying it is remarkable that the Prime Minister has failed to call a single meeting of the JMC Plenary. He agreed on the need for more equal, respectful relationships, saying this is at the heart of the Welsh Government's '[Reforming our Union](#)' document.

Conservative AM Darren Millar asked what position the Welsh Government and Labour Party has on Brexit. Mark Drakeford said the Welsh Government's policy has been clear since the early summer, that the decision should go back into the hands of citizens and that it will campaign to remain.

**Wednesday, October 16**

[Finance Committee](#)

Shared Prosperity Fund

Mick Antoniw and Rebecca Evans criticised the UK Government for its

lack of clarity on the fund, with Mr Antoniwi pointing to the Conservative Party Conference where he said comments on using the fund to strengthen the union would undermine the devolution settlement. Rebecca Evans said the Chief Secretary to the Treasury had “batted away” concerns when addressed on the need to maintain funds to Wales and said that Jeremy Miles raised the Welsh Government’s position at a recent JMC meeting.

**There have been several published statements on the new deal proposed by PM Boris Johnson.**

**[Impact Assessments of Brexit deal must be published, Plaid Cymru](#)**

The Westminster Leader of Plaid Cymru, **Liz Saville Roberts MP**, has demanded that official impact assessments must be released alongside the legal text of Boris Johnson’s deal with the European Union.

**[Plaid Cymru lead cross-party letter calling for publication of Brexit impact assessments](#)**

Liz Saville Roberts letter co-signed by opposition party leaders and David Gauke, Dominic Grieve and Margret Beckett Plaid Cymru Westminster Leader, Liz Saville Roberts MP, has brought MPs from across the House of Commons together in a letter to the Chancellor demanding the publication of Impact Assessments before Saturday’s vote on the UK Government’s so-called Brexit deal.

**[Fears over impact of Boris Johnson’s new Brexit deal on Wales’ ports](#)**

There are fears that Boris Johnson’s new Brexit deal with the EU could create a border in the Irish sea, meaning customs checks between ports in Wales and the island of Ireland.

**Commenting on the news of a deal between the UK and the EU, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Paul Davies AM, commented:**

*“A fair and balanced deal has been reached between the UK and the EU, delivering on the outcome of the referendum in 2016. Boris Johnson promised a deal and he’s now delivered one. The people of Wales voted to leave and today’s news takes us one step closer to achieving that.*

*“This deal ends the uncertainty currently faced by Welsh businesses and communities, will allow us to take full advantage of the benefits that Brexit will offer and my Assembly colleagues and I welcome this news and are fully behind the Prime Minister.”*

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## **Managing Brexit / EU withdrawal in health and social care in Wales: Frequently asked questions**

### **Brexit Frequently Asked Questions**

We have updated our Brexit FAQs again this week to take into account recent advice on medicines, medical devices, and reciprocal healthcare arrangements for Spain.

Visit the [FAQs page](#) to get the latest version as it's updated and send in any questions to [BrexitFAQs@welshconfed.org](mailto:BrexitFAQs@welshconfed.org)

## UK Government & NHS England Resources

### Overview from Westminster

- The [Queen's Speech](#) was held on Monday, which highlighted several pieces of Brexit related legislation in the pipe works including an Immigration Bill to end free movement. Please click these links for more information on [background briefing notes](#) and [what it means for you](#).
- Wednesday was a big day for scrutiny with [12 Government Ministers](#) facing a select committee grilling, many for the first time since their appointment during the Prime Minister's July cabinet reshuffle.
- PM Johnson's [New Protocol on Ireland/Northern Ireland and Political Declaration](#) was published on the future relationship between the UK and the EU.

### Guidance

#### [Contracts awarded to deliver urgent medicines into UK after Brexit](#)

Three companies have been awarded contracts for the express freight service to deliver medicines and medical products within 24 to 48 hours if there's a no-deal Brexit.

The Brexit page on [UK Government](#) provides information about EU Exit including the article 50 process, negotiations, and announcements about policy changes as a result of EU Exit, such as the [Prepare for EU Exit Campaign](#).

### Settled Status

### [EU Settlement Scheme: application processing times](#)

Current expected processing times for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme. Updated processing times information. **It usually takes around 5 working days for complete applications to be processed, but it can take up to a month.**

### [Using the 'EU Exit: ID Document Check' app](#)

Information for EU citizens and their families applying to the EU Settlement Scheme. **Updated to add iPhone availability information.**

### [Home Office launches £1 million advertising campaign for EU Settlement Scheme](#)

A new £1 million wave of UK government advertising to encourage EU citizens to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme has launched today.

[NHS England](#) Preparing for EU Exit page where you can find Guidance and correspondence, which includes [continuity of medicine supply frequently asked questions](#).

## News and Reports

### [Two million applications to the EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Home Secretary Priti Patel has announced that there have been two million applications to the EU Settlement Scheme, according to internal figures.

### [EU Settlement Scheme statistics, September 2019 second edition](#)

In total, as of 30 September 2019, the majority of applications were received from England (1,704,100), with an additional 92,700 from Scotland, 29,300 from Wales and 28,700 from Northern Ireland.

A new Public Health Wales report [looks at evidence that's emerged since January about the possible real-life effects Brexit could have on people's health and well-being in Wales](#), as the chance of a no-deal Brexit on 31 October has increased.

### [Brexit uncertainty raises NHS concerns in Wales](#)

Disruption from Brexit could have an adverse effect on people's health and welfare, especially for vulnerable groups, a report has said.

### [James Wells, Brexit MEP, tells public not to stockpile medicine](#)

James Wells and Nesta Lloyd Jones from the **Welsh NHS Confederation** ... met with Nesta Lloyd Jones, assistant director of the Welsh NHS Confederation.

### [Most Pharmacists Now Believe A No-Deal Brexit Will 'Worsen' Medicine Shortages](#)

As the Brexit deadline of 31 October looms ever closer, there are fresh fears around medication shortages with a survey revealing 81% of pharmacists believe the situation will get worse in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

## Looking Ahead

### Saturday 19 October

- The House of Lords will sit on Saturday 19 October at 10am for members to debate the UK's withdrawal from the EU.
- Deadline in the Benn Act by which the Prime Minister must ask for an extension of Article 50 – until 31 January 2020 – if the Government has not secured Parliament's approval for no deal or passed a Withdrawal Agreement.

## Monday 21 October

- [External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee](#)
- **House of Commons: Third Delegated Legislation Committee - draft Freedom of Establishment and Free Movement of Services (EU Exit) Regulations 2019**
- **House of Lords: European Union Committee - Oral Evidence Session**  
*Scrutiny of Brexit negotiations*

## Tuesday 22 October

- [First Minister](#) Questions: Vikki Howells - Will the First Minister provide an update on discussions between the Welsh and UK Governments regarding the creation of a **Shared Prosperity Fund**?
- [Statement by the First Minister: Update on Brexit](#)
- **House of Commons: Exiting the European Union - Oral Evidence Session**  
*The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal*
- **House of Lords: EU Justice Sub-Committee - Oral Evidence Session**  
*Brexit: Citizens rights: follow-up*

## Wednesday 23 October

- **House of Commons: Exiting the European Union - Oral Evidence Session**  
*The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal*
- **House of Commons: Home Affairs - Oral Evidence Session**  
*Home Office preparations for Brexit*

- **House of Lords: Oral questions** - Effectiveness of the EU Settlement Scheme - [Lord Greaves](#)

**Friday 25 October**

- Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister: [Brexit](#) (provisional)
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