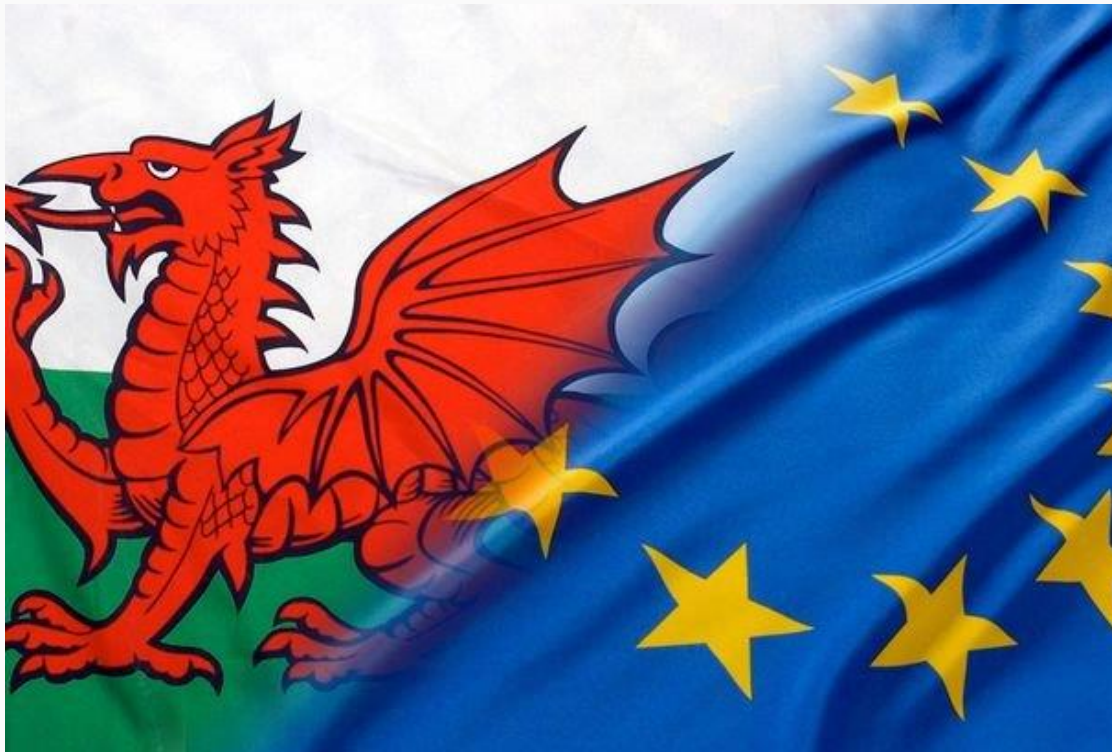


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## BREXIT AT A GLANCE...

Weekly news, views and insights from the Welsh NHS  
Confederation  
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### **What Happened This Week...**

With less than 6 weeks to go until Brexit, UK Parliament remains prorogued, with little progress being shown. The Supreme Court case determining

whether prorogation is lawful concluded, with the ruling due early next week. EU officials publicly rejected Boris Johnson's [claim](#) that "a huge amount of progress" was being made in Brexit talks, as the President of the European Commission warned that time is running out, if a deal was to be made.

However, in Wales there have been some subtle but significant shifts. Welsh Government published their [no-deal action plan](#), in response to the UK Government's Yellowhammer documents. One of the key actions included, investing in a new NHS warehouse to provide additional storage capacity for medical devices. The plan sets out the potential consequences of a no deal Brexit on all aspects of Welsh life. The plan summarises the measures being taken to help to limit some of the worst effects of leaving without a deal.

We attended the EU Transition Health and Social Services Leadership and SRO Group meetings at Welsh Government. The Welsh NHS Confederation are committed to working with our members and the Welsh Government to ensure the health and care sector are fully prepared in the possibility of a no-deal Brexit.

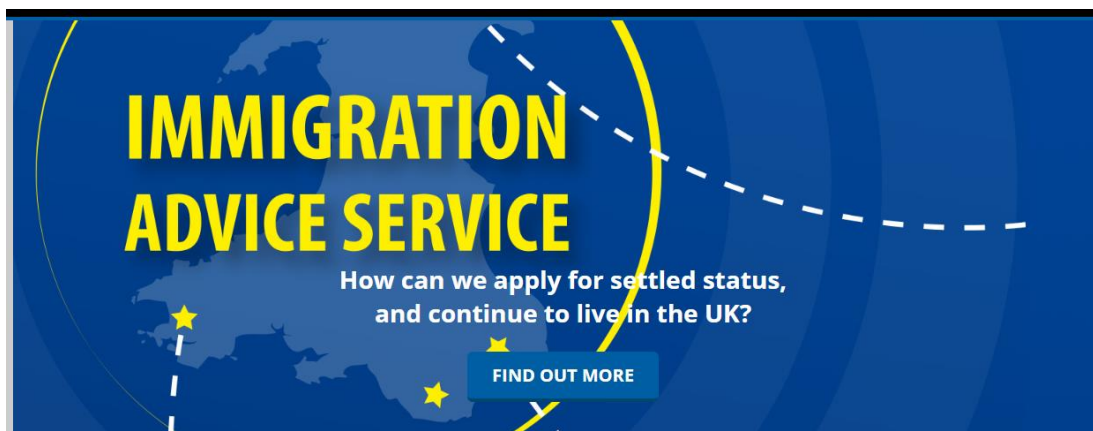
EU citizen living in Wales and who are concerned about applying for EU settled-status should look at the new [Immigration Advice Service](#) launched by Welsh Government and immigration specialists [Newfields Law](#). The service is aimed to help EU nationals living in Wales access specialist support.

If you need any information on preparing to leave the EU, please look at our [Brexit Preparedness Toolkit](#), which provides a high-level summary of current no-deal preparations in Wales. There is also an additional [annex](#), with all the latest guidance from UK and Welsh Government's, which was updated on Wednesday.

Alternatively, if you have any questions about the Brexit process, please see

our [FAQs](#) page for more details which have been updated today, or email any questions to [brexitfaqs@welshconfed.org](mailto:brexitfaqs@welshconfed.org). Please visit [our website](#) for more information and resources on current developments.

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Assistant Director, Welsh NHS Confederation



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## EU Citizens' Immigration Advice Service in Wales

Welsh Government have joined up with immigration specialists [Newfields Law](#) to help EU nationals living in Wales access specialist support.

Newfields Law is a boutique law firm based in the centre of Cardiff which specialises in immigration advisory services.

It provides an advisory service to EU citizens and their (EU or non-EU) family members who are based in Wales and wish to submit

applications to the EU Settlement Scheme.

## Welsh Government News and Guidance

On Monday the Welsh Government published their [no-deal Brexit action plan](#). The Welsh Government's preparations are focused on 4 main areas:

- UK-wide preparedness – working with UK government departments and other devolved administrations on projects that extend beyond Wales.
- Welsh Government action – working with partners and organisations in Wales to implement interventions to address the strategic risks of a no deal Brexit.
- Legislation – making sure Wales has a functioning statute book for exit day.
- civil contingencies – developing a response to the most immediate and urgent issues.

The Welsh Government has worked continuously since 2016 to prepare for Brexit and achieve the best possible outcome. Key actions include:

- Creating a £50 million European Transition Fund and continuing to push UK government for further funds.
- Providing advice for business on how to prepare and extra funding so they can build their resilience.
- **Investing in a new NHS warehouse to provide additional storage capacity for medical devices.**
- Putting in place plans to minimise disruption at Holyhead Port.
- Providing financial support our farming, food and fishing sectors.

The action plan provides a strategic overview of a range of risks associated with a no deal Brexit. Ministers will provide more detail on a range of interventions in specific statements over the coming weeks.

Plaid Cymru's leader Adam Price responded to the action plan, by saying *"I would call on the Welsh Government to demand that every penny they've spent mitigating the risk of no deal as a result of the UK Government's recklessness is reimbursed if no deal is eventually avoided"*.

### **Update on developments**

**Minutes:** [Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition, July 31](#)

The Sub-Committee agreed that an enormous amount had been achieved since preparations had intensified last autumn, but there was still more that could be done, as 'no-deal' was the most likely outcome since the new UK administration had been appointed.

**Prorogation:** Counsel General Jeremy Miles [published](#) the Welsh Government's submission to the Supreme Court case on the prorogation of Parliament.

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.

## **National Assembly News**

### **External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee**

The Committee received the following correspondence, relating to Brexit:

- [Mark Drakeford on Brexit preparedness](#)
- [Jeremy Miles on Brexit preparedness](#)
- [Lesley Griffiths on preparedness for Brexit](#)
- [Jeremy Miles on UK-wide common policy frameworks](#)
- [Cabinet Office paper on the European Union \(Withdrawal\) Act and Common Frameworks](#)

### **EU Funding**

The First Minister urged the UK Government to pay into the EU budget to cover the remainder of programmes such as Erasmus. He expressed frustration that the Shared Prosperity Fund was not mentioned in the Spending Round announcement but offered assurances that no-deal does not necessitate the immediate termination of EU funded programmes and that organisations will be able to rely on funding until the end of current programmes. Prof Drakeford stressed that losing out on the current £700m the EU provides represents a great risk to Wales and needs to be replaced. He added that money promised to Wales by the UK Government is not guaranteed without a sitting Parliament or working majority to vote it through, impacting on the Welsh Government's ability to plan.

### **[First Minister's Questions](#) – Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Operation Yellowhammer**

Mandy Jones raised concerns on the supply of drugs and medicine post-Brexit. Mark Drakeford highlighted the Welsh Government's actions to try to mitigate the impact on the supply of medicines in Wales and stressed the importance of medicines with short shelf lives such as radioisotopes in the treatment of cancer.

[Brexit Negotiations Monitoring Report](#)

### *Senedd Research*

This report provides an in-depth update on developments relating to the Article 50 negotiations on the UK's withdrawal from the EU. It covers the Summer recess period and the start of the Autumn term up until the prorogation of the UK Parliament on 10 September.



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

### **Brexit Frequently Asked Questions**

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**

UK Parliament is currently prorogued and will reconvene on October 14th with the Queen's Speech.

- The Supreme Court hearing into whether Boris Johnson acted lawfully in suspending Parliament, came to an end with a decision from the court is due “early next week”
- The judges have heard two appeals: one by campaigner Gina Miller's team and one by the government, contesting a Scottish court ruling that the decision was unlawful

### [The progress of the EU Settlement Scheme so far](#)

#### *Commons Library*

EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) created two new statuses for EU, EEA and Swiss nationals living in the UK. These are Settled Status and Pre-Settled Status. This Insight examines the existing data regarding applications under the scheme.

## Guidance

### [Regulating medical devices in the event of a no-deal Brexit](#)

What you need to know about the regulation of medical devices in the UK if we leave the EU with no deal. **Updated to include the creation of new UK Responsible Person section with added content.**

### [Businesses supplying medicines and medical devices: preparing for Brexit](#)

Guidance for businesses supplying medicines and medical devices about plans for a no-deal Brexit. **Updated with information on the more flexible approach suppliers can now take to help ensure the continuity of medical supplies following Brexit.** It is a summary of the advice in the government's 26 June 2019 letter to suppliers, presented as actionable guidance.

### [Actions for adult social care providers to prepare for Brexit](#)

What adult social care providers and local authorities need to do to prepare for a no-deal Brexit. **Added link to NHS website guidance for the public on getting medicines if there is a no-deal Brexit.**

## Settled Status

### [EU Settlement Scheme: ID document scanner locations](#)

Locations where you can go to get your biometric ID document scanned if you do not have an Android device with near field communication (NFC).

**Update an ID document scanning locations in Ceredigion.**

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

Current expected processing times for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme. **Updated processing times.**

[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

[No-deal Brexit: What are the Welsh Government's preparations?](#)

Plans to stack lorries on the A55, stock up on medical devices and help food banks are among measures being taken in Wales to help cope with a no-deal Brexit.

[Brexit: UK shares confidential documents with EU](#)

Confidential documents that "reflect the ideas the UK has put forward" on Brexit have been shared with the EU, the UK government has said. It comes after Finland's prime minister said that Mr Johnson had 12 days to set out his Brexit plans to the EU.

[Labour Brexit splits: Welsh Labour leader confirms he will back remain](#)

The leader of Welsh Labour, Mark Drakeford, has written to party members confirming that Welsh Labour will campaign to remain if there is another referendum on Brexit. The first minister's comments came after UK Labour

leader Jeremy Corbyn said he would seek a "sensible" Brexit deal if elected, before calling a vote. But Mr Drakeford said "any type of Brexit... will cause potentially irreparable damage".

### [Plaid Cymru set to commit to cancel Brexit if referendum plan fails](#)

Adam Price said he will ask party members to back the policy shift at their forthcoming conference. He already has the support of AMs, MPs and the party's MEP. If members also agree, it would see Plaid Cymru joining the Liberal Democrats in committing to preventing Brexit by revoking Article 50 if and when a General Election takes place.

### [Brexit: European health experts emphasise dangers to patient safety of no deal](#)

*British Medical Journal*

A no deal Brexit would have disastrous consequences for patients and public health services on both sides of the English Channel, a wide ranging, informal group of health professionals has warned.

They pointed to problems in the supply of drugs and medical devices, damage to EU-wide medical collaboration and research, disruption to training and to mutual recognition of qualifications, and weakening of European coordination on pandemic preparedness and tackling antimicrobial resistance. UK nationals would no longer be able to use the European health insurance card on the continent, nor EU citizens in the UK.

### [Spare me the hypocrisy – MPs have a duty to deliver Brexit](#)

*IWA Blog*

Written by Andrew RT Davies is an AM for South Wales Central and a former leader of the Welsh Conservatives “*The public have waited long enough. Parliament needs to make sure that we leave the EU next month or a General Election is essential.*”

## Looking Ahead

UK Parliament is currently prorogued and will reconvene on October 14<sup>th</sup> with the Queen's Speech.

### Monday 23 September

- External Affairs Committee - Scrutiny of common UK policy frameworks: draft scrutiny process
- National Advisory Group, led by Migration Advisory Committee

### Tuesday 24 September

- Brexit Health Alliance meeting
- Plenary – First Ministers Questions:
  - Andrew RT Davies: Will the First Minister make a statement on the Welsh Government's current position on Brexit?

### Wednesday 25 September

- Plenary - Brexit Party debate - The UK and the EU
- Event "*Preparing for the Impact of a no-deal Brexit on Voluntary Organisations in Wales*", organised by The Wales Civil Society Forum on Brexit project.



