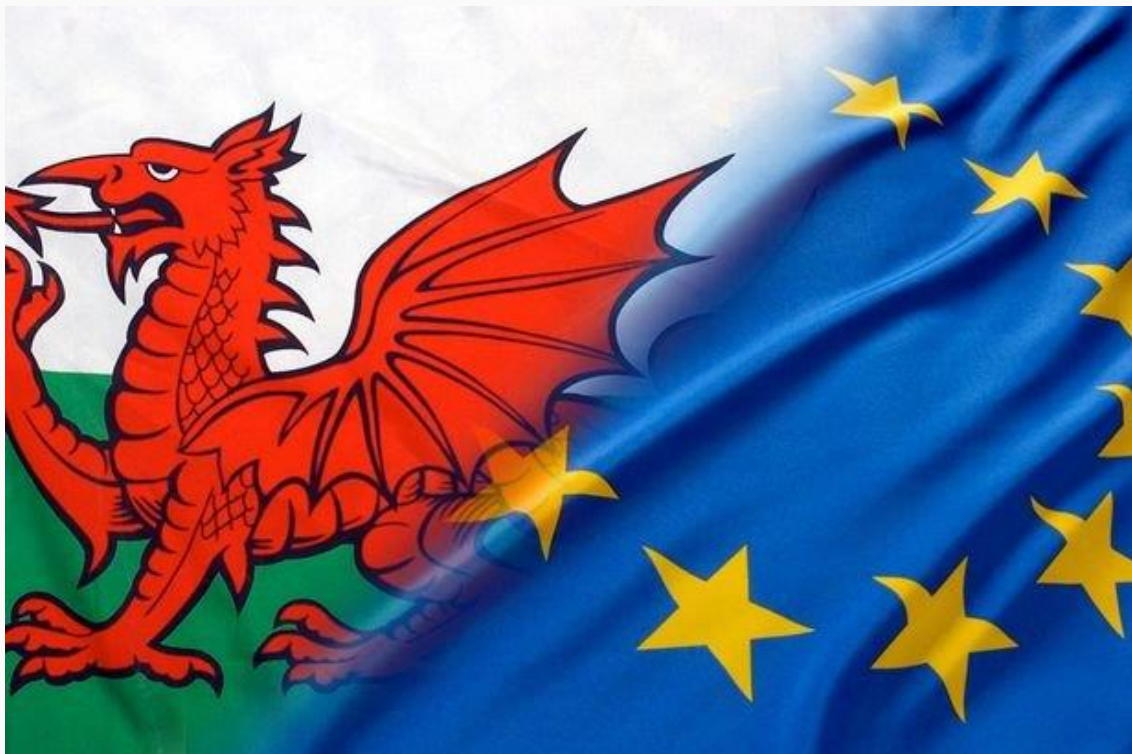




BREXIT AT A GLANCE...

Weekly news, views and insights from the Welsh NHS Confederation
Friday, 30 August



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What Happened This Week...

While MPs will return to Westminster next Tuesday, it's now confirmed that Parliament will be prorogued sometime during the second week of September and will resume on 14 October with the Queen's speech. Following a request

by the First Minister to the Presiding Officer, Elin Jones AM, to recall the National Assembly for Wales, Assembly Members will sit for a two-hour debate on Thursday, 5th of September, to discuss the UK Parliament and Brexit developments.

To prepare for a possible no-deal scenario, the Welsh Government fortnightly Brexit stakeholder meetings will start again. The Brexit Communications group have reinstated their meetings last week, with the Leadership and Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) meetings resume next week. In addition, the Minister will be meeting with health and social care stakeholders on Monday as part of his Brexit Ministerial Stakeholder Advisory Forum. Don't forget that our [Brexit Preparedness Toolkit](#) provides a detailed summary around all no-deal preparations to date, while collating resources and [guidance](#) from the UK and Wales level.

Our [key issues for health and social care](#) remain as valid as they were at the time we published them. We need to see issues such as mutually recognised qualifications and access to funding to continue to provide an innovative, high quality health and social care service.

In relation to the Settled Status Scheme, the Home Office released the latest [EU Settlement Scheme quarterly statistics](#) last week, which covers 28 August to 30 June 2019. The statistics found that:

- Over 907,680 applications were received, with 2% received in Wales (13,660). In Wales there were 1,590 applications received from children under 16, 11,730 applications from those aged 16 to 64 and 340 applications from those aged 65 and above,
- In Wales the top 5 nationalities which applied for Settled Status were Polish, Romanian, Italian, Portuguese and Bulgarian, and
- The number of concluded applications (resulting in a decision) was 805,550. 65% (523,330) of all UK applications were granted settled status and 35% (279,950) were granted pre-settled status. Concluded

outcomes granted settled status were higher for Scotland (68%), Wales (70%) and Northern Ireland (71%), compared to England (65%).

As part of the Assembly's ongoing consultation into ending free movement after Brexit, they want to hear from EU citizens who have participated in the EU Settled Status Scheme. The consultation is open to EU, EEA or Swiss citizens, their friends or family and employers. You can find more detail [here](#). The Welsh NHS Confederation will be responding to this consultation on behalf of our members. Our response will be published on our website in due course but will clearly emphasise our call to see a fair immigration system which allows the NHS in Wales to continue to recruit talented professionals across the globe. We value all EU/EEA nationals working in the health service and the contribution they make, not just as professionals, but to our communities as well.

This week we participated in a National Advisory Group with the Home Office, with a focus on the policies relating to students within the Immigration White Paper.

Everyone will be very busy over the next coming weeks in preparation for the increasing likelihood of a no-deal scenario. This newsletter will be sent on a weekly basis to keep you up to date with all the latest news and developments.

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. Please visit [our website](#) for more information and resources on current developments.

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Welsh Government News and Guidance

Finance Minister and Local Government Minister write to the UK Government

Rebecca Evans, Julie James and the WLGA [wrote](#) to the UK Government to express concern over the lack of detail on replacement EU funding. Ms Evans has [reiterated](#) her calls for greater clarity on post-Brexit funding and future budgets. Ms Evans was in London to meet with Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Rishi Sunak on Thursday.

The future of the United Kingdom

Mark Drakeford [confirmed](#) that he has asked Alun Davies AM to conduct a review of the future of the UK and how political institutions interact, should the UK leave the EU. A report is expected by Easter 2020.

[Written Statement: Prorogation of the United Kingdom Parliament](#)

First Minister Mark Drakeford has written to PM Boris Johnson asking the UK Government to confirm that they will no prorogue Parliament before 31

October, and outlines Wales' actions in case they fail to do so.

Minutes: [Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition meeting, July 3.](#)

Please click the link for the full summary of the meeting minutes.

Update on Developments:

Discussions had taken place with David Lidington to continue engagement through bilateral meetings and to establish common ground between the Welsh and UK Governments. On 26 June, the First Minister had written a letter to Welsh MPs, which supported legislation to avoid a 'no deal' and prepare a Referendum Bill. It was noted that the letter had outlined the Welsh Government's position, which would be to campaign for a referendum and to remain in the EU, a position endorsed by the National Assembly.

Intergovernmental Relations and Common Frameworks:

The Counsel General and Brexit Minister and his Scottish Government counterpart were writing jointly to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to indicate the need for further rapid progress with the review and frameworks.

European Funding Issues:

The Minister for Finance and Trefnydd asked the Cabinet Sub-Committee to note the current level of EU funding and the work being undertaken to support and quantify the 'not a penny less' objective for the scenario in which the UK leaves the EU. The point was made that there would be financial and administrative pressures from replacing smaller EU programmes and new functions and duties returning to Wales from the EU and these should not be forgotten about, as they would require resources to be allocated in different ways.

Preparedness Update:

The Counsel General and Brexit Minister set out recent developments in relation to preparations for a 'no deal' scenario, including progress on UK wide

projects and on specific action being taken by the Welsh Government. It was noted that the risk of leaving the EU without a deal had increased substantially since the statements given by both Conservative Party leadership candidates. On this basis, it was agreed that there would be a need to step up 'no-deal' preparations.

Minutes: [Cabinet meeting, July 8](#)

During the Brexit update the Counsel General and Brexit Minister informed Cabinet that on 4th July, he and the Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for Government Business had written to the Minister for the UK Cabinet Office in relation to the Intergovernmental Relations Review (IGRR). While it had been positive that the Review principles had been published ahead of a new Prime Minister and UK Government with a commitment to further work on dispute resolution, there was disappointment with the lack of progress made on the outcomes of the IGRR, which had been commissioned 15 months ago.

Cabinet noted that a new package of Welsh Government support to help EU Citizens prepare for Brexit, would be announced the following day. The support, funded primarily through the £50m EU Transition Fund, included: support with applications through the network of Citizens Advice Bureaux; an immigration advice service offering specialist support for complex cases; and working with charities and partners to raise awareness of the need to apply for settled status

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

Assembly Recall

The Presiding Officer, Elin Jones AM, [agreed](#) to recall the National Assembly on Thursday, September 5. Assembly Members will sit for two hours from 1pm to discuss a joint [motion](#) from Labour and Plaid Cymru. The recall was requested by First Minister, Mark Drakeford to discuss the prorogation of the UK Parliament and wider Brexit developments.

Shared Prosperity Fund

The External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee [published](#) responses to a consultation as part of its inquiry into proposals for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Research Service

[The Welsh Government's draft international strategy – a new global vision](#)

[for Wales?](#)

As part of its approach, the Welsh Government proposes:

- Initiatives in the education and health sectors to promote Wales as a place of study and work.

[Corbyn must commit to Remain for Plaid Cymru support](#)

Ahead of a cross-party meeting instigated by Labour Leader, Jeremy Corbyn, Plaid Cymru Leader, Adam Price AM, has said that “Mr Corbyn must realise that we cannot back him unless he makes a totally unqualified commitment to Remain”.

[Plaid Cymru Leader Adam Price responds to cross-party meeting](#)

Plaid Cymru Leader, Adam Price AM, responded to the cross-party meeting held this morning in the office of Jeremy Corbyn by saying “we will not lose sight of our ambition to beat Brexit”. Adam Price AM attended the cross-party meeting with Plaid Cymru’s Westminster Group Leader, Liz Saville Roberts MP along with the other Westminster Opposition Leaders. The meeting was positive and productive, and all parties agreed to explore the best possible way of avoiding a ‘no deal’ using a legislative approach.

Written Questions (To be answered by the Counsel General and Brexit Minister)

- [Vaccines in the event of No-deal](#): What plans does the Welsh Government have to procure temperature-controlled drugs such as insulin and influenza vaccines for the Welsh NHS if the UK leaves the EU with no-deal?
- [Hardship through Brexit](#): What plans does the Welsh Government have to provide emergency financial support to low-income families

and individuals facing severe hardship due to price increases in the event of a no-deal Brexit?

- [No-deal civil disorder](#): What assurance has the Welsh Government sought and received regarding its potential role if martial law was imposed in Wales, should the UK Government enact the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 in the event of no-deal civil disorder?

Written Answers to the following question to the Minister for Health and Social Services

- [Will the Minister state how many suppliers there are for each vaccine on a\) the routine immunisation schedule and b\) the recommended travel immunisation schedule in Wales?](#)
- [What assessment has the Minister made of the need for multiple suppliers of paediatric vaccines in Wales?](#)
- [What assessment has the Minister made of the need for multiple suppliers of influenza vaccines in Wales?](#)

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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

UK Government & NHS England Resources

News from Westminster

[Brexit Secretary signs order to scrap 1972 Brussels Act - ending all EU law in the UK](#)

The Government has signed into law legislation to repeal the Act of Parliament which set in stone Britain's EU (EEC) membership in 1972.

[UK officials will stop attending most EU meetings from 1 September](#)

Press statement about UK attendance at EU meetings

[The UK will not nominate a new Commissioner to the EU](#)

The UK will not nominate a new Commissioner to the EU as it prepares to leave on 31 October 2019.

[£3 million grant to help UK nationals in EU for Brexit](#)

UK nationals living in the EU, who may struggle to complete the necessary residency applications, will be helped by measures announced today.

House of Commons Library

[Prorogation of Parliament](#)

This briefing paper explains what it means to "prorogue" Parliament, under what authority it is done, and what its consequences are. It also provides historical and international context for prorogation and explains its relevance to the Brexit process.

[Will free movement end from 31 October 2019](#)

What needs to happen before free movement can end in the UK and what does this mean for EU citizens living in the UK before Brexit?

Guidance

[Register to claim Erasmus+ and ESC funding from the government guarantee](#)

How organisations that get or have bid for Erasmus+ or European Solidarity Corps (ESC) funding should register for the HMG guarantee if there's no Brexit deal. Format updates have been made to highlight actions that people need to take. A link has also been added that allows people to sign up for email alerts to get the latest information about Brexit.

[Healthcare after Brexit: UK residents visiting the EU, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland](#)

Information on access to healthcare for UK residents visiting the EU and Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland after the UK leaves the EU. Increased visibility of calls to actions. Highlighted the guidance on what to do to prepare for Brexit, agreements with EFTA countries (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland) and studying in the EU).

Brexit page on [UK Government](#) providing 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: employer toolkit](#)

The employer toolkit equips employers with the right tools and information to support EU citizens and their families to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Updated to add EU Settlement Scheme: Z card.

[EU Settlement Scheme: community leader toolkit](#)

The community leader toolkit equips local authorities and community groups with the right tools and information to support EU citizens and their families to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Updated to add Z card.

[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). Isle of Wight Register Office added to the list of locations.

[Settled status for EU citizens and their families: translations](#)

Translations of the settled status for EU citizens and their families guidance in European languages.

[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

[Priti Patel 'wants EU free movement to end on 31 October' under a no-deal Brexit](#)

Priti Patel is pushing for freedom of movement by European nationals into the UK to end on 31 October under a no-deal Brexit, it has been reported.

[Migration: UK cannot end freedom of movement on Brexit day, experts say](#)

Migration experts say the UK cannot end freedom of movement from the EU on Brexit day because it has no system to work out who is legally in the country.

[Brexit: £3m fund to help UK nationals with EU forms](#)

A £3m grant to help UK nationals living in the EU with residency applications

has been set up by the government. Charities and voluntary organisations will be able to use the money to support UK nationals preparing for Brexit with a focus on those who may struggle with the paperwork.

[News from the BMJ](#)

highlighting the concerns of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society about drug shortages in a no-deal Brexit despite the government's "multi-layered approach" to mitigate risks

[Brexit: Health leaders issue new no-deal warning](#)

Health leaders have written to Boris Johnson issuing new warnings on the impact of a no-deal Brexit. In a letter to the prime minister, the heads of 17 royal colleges and health charities across the UK say clinicians are "unable to reassure patients" their health and care will not be affected.

[Stop silencing NHS staff from telling the truth about no deal impact, says Ashworth](#)

Jonathan Ashworth has called on Health Secretary Matt Hancock to stop silencing NHS staff, following [a report](#) that indicates NHS bosses have been told to follow the government's line on Brexit.

[No-deal Brexit preparations: the leaked Operation Yellowhammer document](#)

Supply chains for medicines and medical products are at risk in the event of a no-deal Brexit, with disruption potentially lasting up to six months, according to a leaked document published by the Sunday Times. Quoted by the Times, the document states "a pre-mitigation reasonable worst-case flow rate...could be as low as 40% on Day 1 of No Deal via the short straits [main Channel crossings], with significant disruption lasting up to six months. Unmitigated, this will have an impact on the supply of medicines and medical supplies."

[In depth analysis by the University of Leuven of sectoral impact of \(no deal\) Brexit](#), stating that 1.2 million jobs would be lost in case of a no deal Brexit. For

summary of the finding, also see the [following article by Personnel Today](#)

Looking Ahead

Monday 2 September

- Health and Social care Brexit Ministerial Advisory Stakeholder meeting

Tuesday 3 September

- EU Transitional Leadership and SRO meetings
- Last potential date for a no-confidence vote to allow a General Election before 31 October
- House of Commons: Westminster Hall debate - The EU Settlement Scheme in relation to looked-after children and care leavers (nominated by the Backbench Business Committee)

Wednesday 4 September

- Cavendish Coalition meeting
- PMQs
- House of Commons Select Committee: Exiting the European Union - Oral Evidence Session, *The progress of the UK's negotiations on EU withdrawal*
- House of Commons Select Committee: Home Affairs - Oral Evidence Session, *Home Office preparations for Brexit*
- House of Lords: Oral questions - Ensuring food imports after Brexit are held to the same animal welfare, environmental and food safety standards as those required of British farmers - [Lord Carrington](#)

- House of Lords: EU Financial Affairs Sub-Committee - Oral Evidence Session on no-deal financial obligations

Thursday 5 September

- House of Commons: Questions to the Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union and topical questions
- House of Commons: BACKBENCH BUSINESS - Future UK Shared Prosperity Fund
- National Assembly Debate: [Prorogation of Parliament and Brexit developments](#)

