

BREXIT AT A GLANCE...

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

It has been another busy week for the Welsh NHS Confederation team representing our members at several meetings and events.

On Tuesday we attended the 'Brexit: Three Years On' event hosted by Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre as it updated the public on the latest Brexit developments. There were very interesting panel presentations relating to where the EU is with its own Brexit developments, the legislative position of UK laws and their development, where public opinion is now versus before the referendum, and how Brexit will potentially impact devolution in Wales. Speakers included Professor Roger Awan-Scully, Professor Jo Hunt, Dr Rachel Minto and Professor Dan Wincott.

On Thursday we attended the Brexit Health Alliance (BHA) meeting and discussed the latest work of the Alliance. During the meeting BHA members discussed a no-deal readiness position paper and how the future relationship between the UK and the EU should take shape to best represent the health and care sector across the UK and to maintain the high-quality healthcare service that we have today.

Finally, on Friday we participated in another Home Office National Advisory Group call, this time focusing on skilled worker route as part of the Immigration White Paper. We provided feedback from our members around the current process of employing foreign workers and concerns that have been raised, especially around the consequence of the proposed £30,000 salary threshold. We are clear we value the EU nationals who choose to work and live in Wales and the significant contribution they make to the health and care of our population and the communities they live in.

There were political developments on Wednesday with the UK Government releasing a [Written Statement](#) on no deal Brexit preparations. The Statement dealt with medicines and medical devices supplies lines followed by several pieces of additional guidance related to medicines contingency supply (please see our Guidance section for more details). The UK Government reiterated their position, that leaving the EU with a deal is the best outcome but leaving without

a deal remains the legal default at the end of the extension period on 31 October 2019.

Our [FAQs](#) document was updated this week to include links to our [Preparing for Settled Status – Managers Toolkit](#) and more detail on ID Document Scanner locations in Wales.

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

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Ensuring health services continue to provide an excellent service, whatever form of Brexit, is a top priority for us. We're working with the sector to inform & advise you & this FAQ from @WelshConfed is a really useful resource for professionals ow.ly/9LNX50uNpX9



Welsh Government News and Guidance

[Joint statement from First Ministers of Wales and Scotland – Future PM must rule out no deal Brexit](#)

Speaking ahead of the final British Irish Council before a new Prime Minister takes office, the Scottish and Welsh First Ministers have called on the future Prime Minister to rule out a 'no deal; Brexit under any circumstances.

[No deal Brexit and EU funded projects](#)

Guidance for projects if the UK leaves the EU without a deal (including Horizon 2020, European Territorial Co-operation and the Ireland Wales Co-operation Programme, and Rules about sharing personal data between the EU and the UK).

[Horizon 2020 funding if there's no Brexit deal](#)

If there is 'no deal', the government has taken steps to provide continued support for research and innovation. This document has been updated following the extension to Article 50. The update confirms that the guarantee remains in place.

[3 years on, there remains no mandate for no deal:](#)

On the 3rd anniversary of the EU referendum, Brexit Minister Jeremy Miles said the case for another vote is now clearer than ever.

Written Statement by the First Minister of Wales Mark Drakeford on the [Valuable contribution of EU nationals in Wales](#), announcing a contract to Newfields Law, which will be providing immigration advice for EU citizens in Wales, particularly to vulnerable groups, which may find the process of applying for settled status daunting.

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 Developments

[Brexit update – 24 June](#)

The Brexit update provides an update on the most recent developments on Brexit of relevance to Wales. It includes sections on the work of the Assembly and Welsh Government; EU; UK; and Scotland and Ireland.

[External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee](#) – Monday, June 24. The proposed shared prosperity fund - summary of correspondence received and discussion on next steps (*public excluded*)

- Changes to freedom of movement after Brexit - options paper on next steps (*public excluded*)

[Romanian Presidency](#)

AMs held an evidence session on the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council. Dan Mihalache, Ambassador of Romania to the Court of St James's, said he regretted the UK's exit from the EU but said he anticipated close working relations through bodies including Nato. He said Europe was at a crossroads and needed leadership and determination to play a role in the changing international environment. He noted he had met with the First Minister earlier in the day to discuss developing relations between Wales and Romania including links between universities, cultural institutions, parliaments and local communities. AMs focused questions on the potential for post-Brexit cooperation as well as security and defence.

[Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee](#) – Tuesday, June 25

- [Letter from Minister for the Cabinet Office \(David Lidington\) to Bruce Crawford MSP regarding Parliamentary scrutiny of intergovernmental relations and common frameworks](#)

Plenary: [Counsel General Questions](#) – Tuesday, June 25

European Elections

Helen Mary Jones (Mid and West Wales)(PC) asked about reports that EU citizens in Wales were denied the right to vote in the recent European parliamentary elections. Pointing out that the Welsh Government has no formal responsibilities for European elections, Counsel General (Jeremy Miles) said it was deeply concerning that some EU citizens were unable to exercise their right to vote. He said the government will contribute to any review by the UK Government, Electoral Commission and returning officers.



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Following



A new Written Ministerial Statement was published today on steps taken by government to ensure the supply of medicines and medical devices to the UK in case of a no-deal Brexit on 31 October. Read it here: [parliament.uk/business/publi](#) ...

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News and Reports

National Procurement Service: A news story from Welsh Government on [Brexit preparedness](#), specifically on public sector procurement

[Medicines and medical products supply: government updates no-deal Brexit plans](#)

The government has announced plans to launch procurement exercises to secure freight capacity if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.

[EU Commission publishes new announcement on no deal preparations](#)

This month, the EU Commission made another announcement about its preparations in case the UK leaves the EU without a deal. You can [find the announcement here](#). In Portugal, the national government has already passed a [law with contingency measures to protect the rights of UK nationals living in Portugal in case of a no deal](#), which includes the right to stay for residents, the right to access healthcare, and the right to access public education.

[Welsh migration rules to be considered by expert panel](#)

The Home Office is calling on an expert body to assess whether post-Brexit migration rules should be different in Wales.

[Leaked cabinet note admits UK not ready for no-deal exit on October 31, blowing hole in Boris Johnson leadership pledge](#)

Building up adequate stockpiles of medicines for a no-deal Brexit will take 'six to eight months', leaked cabinet note says

Royal College of General Practitioners urges in an [open letter](#) to the next leader of the Conservative party to prevent no-deal Brexit and safeguard the NHS, as did the BMA two weeks ago.

An [insight](#) by the House of Commons Library clarifies whether there is scope for renegotiation of the November 2018 Withdrawal Agreement and whether the UK Parliament can prevent the UK leaving the EU without a deal

A [publication](#) by the UK in a Changing Europe outlining their analysis of the evidence available on the current and projected impact of Brexit on the current and projected impact of Brexit on the UK

[Stevens: Government must re-boot 'no-deal' Brexit plan 'within weeks'](#)

Ministers must act "very, very soon" to re-boot contingency plans for a no deal Brexit if the NHS and suppliers are to be ready for the UK to crash out of the EU on 31 October, NHS England's chief executive has warned.

[Force new EU poll on next PM, says Mark Drakeford](#)

Wales' First Minister Mark Drakeford has urged MPs to act quickly to make sure the next prime minister holds another referendum on EU membership. He has written to all Welsh MPs, asking them to force the government to publish legislation by the end of July that would pave the way to a public vote. His proposal means a bill would be published within a week of Jeremy Hunt or Boris Johnson taking power.

[Post-Brexit aid details coming next year, says minister](#)

Details about a new fund to replace EU economic aid for Wales after Brexit will be published "next year", a UK government minister has said.

Brexit Frequently Asked Questions

We have updated our Brexit FAQs again this week to include link to our [Preparing for Settled Status – Mangers Toolkit](#) and added more ID Document Scanner Locations in Wales (Bridgend and Caerphilly) and near the border (Liverpool, Hereford, and Bristol). Visit the [FAQs page](#) to get the latest version as it's updated and send in any questions to BrexitFAQs@welshconfed.org

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UK Government & NHS England Resources

EU27 briefly discussed the issue of Brexit and reiterated that the EU is open for talks when it comes to the Declaration on the future UK-EU relations if the position of the UK were to evolve, but the Withdrawal Agreement is not open for renegotiation ([European Council](#)). Last week [Donald Tusk, President of the European Council](#), [gave some brief remarks on the progress of Brexit negotiations](#) following the Summit on 20-21 June:

1. We look forward to working together with the next UK Prime Minister;
2. We want to avoid a disorderly Brexit and establish a future relationship that is as close as possible with the UK;
3. We are open for talks when it comes to the Declaration on the future UK-EU relations if the position of the United Kingdom were to evolve, but the Withdrawal Agreement is not open for renegotiation; and
4. We have been informed on the state of play of planning for a no-deal scenario.

Overview from Westminster

- A bumper day of select committee scrutiny on Wednesday saw MPs questioning experts on no deal for the [services industry](#), [technical solutions for the Northern Ireland land border](#) and the [UK's trade in services](#) post-Brexit, as well as [Immigration](#), [EU Withdrawal Agreement: Impact on Welsh Economy](#), and [EU Structural Funds: Least developed regions](#).
- PMQs on Wednesday touched on some Brexit related positions, such as the Tory Leadership candidates position on their no deal positions (Labour MP, [Karen Lee](#) (Lincoln), asked about the possibility of a no-deal Brexit)

In a written statement by [Mr David Lidington](#) (Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Minister for the Cabinet Office) regarding EU Exit Preparedness. For the aspects related to health, the text reads:

Guaranteeing the supply of critical 'category 1' goods, including medicines, medical products, veterinary medicines and chemicals remains an essential element of the Government's No Deal contingency planning. The Government is therefore undertaking steps to secure freight capacity for suppliers of these goods in a No Deal scenario.

The Department of Health and Social Care is starting the process of setting up an express freight contingency arrangement to support continuity of supply of medicines and medical products. This will be an urgent contingency measure for products requiring urgent delivery, within a 24-48 hour timeframe, if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. This express freight contingency arrangement forms part of the Department's multi-layered approach, which includes rerouting medical supplies from the short strait crossings, extra warehouse space, stockpiling, buffer stocks, clarifying regulatory requirements, supporting traders to have all necessary paperwork in place at the border, and strengthening the processes used to deal with shortages to ensure that patients have uninterrupted access to medicines and medical products if the UK leaves the EU without a deal. Government will only pay for capacity as and when it is needed and used. This will be designed to cover all of the UK. The Department will be writing to industry to set out further details of these preparations.

The Department for Transport is putting in place a freight capacity framework agreement that will provide government departments with the ability to secure freight capacity for our critical supply chains as and when required. This framework does not commit the Government to purchasing or reserving any freight capacity, but it does provide a flexible list of operators and options for the provision of the capacity that can be drawn upon if needed.

In the coming months, the Government will make further announcements on its preparations for a possible No Deal Exit on 31 October, including on trade continuity agreements to limit disruption to our trade with third countries after we leave the EU.

The full written statement can be found [here](#). Following this statement, two pieces of guidance were created / updated pertaining to medicines which are described below.

Written Statement Made by: [Stephen Barclay](#) (Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union) on [General Affairs Council, June 2019](#).

[Joint Ministerial Committee \(EU Negotiations\) communiqué: 28 June 2019](#)

This summarises the meeting of the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU negotiations), chaired by Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster David Lidington. The Chair provided an update on the UK's exit from the EU. The Committee also discussed domestic issues, including the ongoing joint review of intergovernmental relations. The Committee also noted the good joint progress being made on common frameworks.

[Costa Amendment: Correspondence with the EU Institutions](#)

Secretary of State Steve Barclay and European Chief Negotiator Michel Barnier have exchanged letters on ring-fencing the citizens' rights part of the Withdrawal Agreement whatever the outcome of negotiations. **Michel Barnier has replied to the Secretary of State again on this issue.**

[Business group established to look at Brexit backstop alternatives](#)

Members have been appointed to the Business and Trade Union Alternative Arrangements Advisory Group, which will meet for the first time today.

[Replacement of EU structural funds for Least Developed Regions](#)

Commons Library research briefing

Background information on the replacement of EU structural funds for Least Developed Regions ahead of the debate on 26 June

[The UK's contribution to the EU budget](#)

Commons Library research briefing updated 24 June 2019

Discusses UK contributions to the EU budget and how much it receives back as well as potential post-Brexit payments to the EU

[European Parliament elections 2019: results and analysis](#)

Commons Library research briefing

Analyses the results of the 2019 European Parliament elections, focusing on both the UK and EU-wide results

Guidance

[Medicines Supply Contingency Planning Programme](#)

Guidance for marketing authorisation holders in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

Updated information about a response template being sent to marketing authorisation holders in July 2019.

[Medicines and medical products: continuity of supply update](#)

A letter to suppliers giving an update on ensuring a continued supply of medicines and medical products if the UK leaves the EU with no deal. The letter sets out:

- how the government plans to ensure a continued supply of medicines and medical products
- how suppliers of those products can best prepare

[Medicines and medical products supply: government updates no-deal Brexit plans](#)

The government has announced plans to launch procurement exercises to secure freight capacity if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.

[Businesses supplying medicines and medical devices – what to expect on day one of a ‘no deal’ scenario](#)

If the UK leaves the EU without a deal, people should be reassured and have confidence in the government’s plans for continuity of medicines supply.

Updated ‘Batch testing and clinical trials’ section to include content published previously on the guidance page ‘Batch testing medicines if there’s no Brexit deal’ about human medicines imported to the UK, and human medicines manufactured in a country on the MHRA’s Qualified Person list. Also added information on the continuation of these arrangements.

[Planning for a possible no-deal EU Exit: information for the health and care sector](#)

Guidance for industry and organisations involved in health and care about contingency plans for a no-deal Brexit. **Added a letter to suppliers of medicines and medical products giving an update on ensuring a continued supply of medicines and medical products if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.**

[Impact of no-deal departure on UK services industries discussed by Committee](#)

Committee on Exiting the European Union continues a series of sessions examining the impact of a no-deal departure on key sectors of the UK economy

[EU Commission publishes new announcement on no deal preparations](#)

The EU Commission made their fifth announcement about its preparations in case the UK leaves the EU without a deal.

[Migration Advisory Committee \(MAC\) welcomes salary threshold commission](#)

Following MACs review of the Shortage Occupation List, the Home Secretary

Rh Hon Savid Javid MP commissioned the MAC to examine the salary threshold under the skilled worker route. The report, which is **due by the end of January 2020** and [welcomes salary threshold commission](#), will examine:

1. The **mechanism** for calculating future salary thresholds and whether it should be: a single minimum salary level (with some flexibilities to set a lower rate); a combination of a minimum salary threshold and a “going rate”; or an approach which focuses only on the “going rate”.
2. The **minimum salary threshold** and the impact this will have on annual net migration; the resident workforce including wages, productivity and flexibility; migrant workers; employers’ and their ability to adjust based on sectors; the short, medium and long-term effects on public finances and the economy.
3. Whether these conclusions are applicable to the whole of the United Kingdom or whether there is a **need for greater regional variation**.
4. **Exceptions** to salary thresholds such as; if inclusion on the Shortage Occupation List could require reduced salary thresholds; the impact thresholds would have on those sectors providing high public value; exceptions for new entrants; and if part time workers should benefit from pro-rata salary threshold.

[Department for Exiting the European Union single departmental plan](#)

The Department for Exiting the European Union has set out its objectives and how it will deliver them. **Added 2019 plan.**

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

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

Commons Library Insight

Examines the existing data on the number of applications for Settled Status and Pre-Settled Status from EU, EEA and Swiss nationals. **Estimate show that at the end of May 2019, around 23% of EU, EEA, and Swiss nationals living in the UK had applied of the estimated (2018) 3.35 million people with EU, EEA, or Swiss nationality living in the UK. At the latest count, 788,200 people had applied, including 753,300 EU, EEA, and Swiss citizens (excluding Irish applicants); around 2.6 million might still have to apply. The Home Office will be releasing monthly updates on the number of applications.** Two-thirds of applicants received settled status and the remainder received pre-settled status. A handful of applications were withdrawn or were incomplete. As yet, none have been refused. around 2.6 million might still have to apply.

[EU Settlement Scheme: view and prove your rights in the UK](#)

Information for EU citizens applying to the EU Settlement Scheme. **Added a hyperlink to the 'View and prove your rights in the UK' checking service page.**

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

Looking Ahead

Monday 1 July

- House of Lords oral question: EU law-making process, in particular the roles and powers of the (1) European Commission, (2)

COREPER, (3) the Council of Ministers, (4) the European Court of Justice, and (5) the European Parliament - [Lord Pearson of Rannoch](#)

- [CANCELLED - Strategic planning session, External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee](#)

Tuesday 2 July

- First sitting of the new European Parliament.
- House of Lords oral question: Ensuring that appropriate consideration is being given by all departments to other policy areas alongside the preparations for the UK's departure from the EU - [Baroness Massey of Darwen](#)

Wednesday 3 July

- **House of Lords Debate:** Further to the resolutions of this House on 14 and 28 January, and that of the House of Commons on 14 March, it is expedient that a joint committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on the costs and implications for the UK of exiting the EU without a withdrawal agreement on 31 October 2019, and that the committee should report its findings by 30 September 2019 - [Baroness Smith of Basildon](#)

Thursday 4 July

- Welsh Government's Horizon 2020 Annual Event
- House of Lords Debate: Protecting the NHS in future trade deals entered into by the UK - [Lord Brooke of Alverthorpe](#)



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