



BREXIT AT A GLANCE...

Weekly news, views and insights from the Welsh NHS Confederation
Friday, 7 June



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What Happened This Week...

Since your last update a fortnight ago, the Welsh Government have updated their position on Brexit and the possibility of a second referendum. Presented with a choice between a no deal Brexit or remaining in the EU, the Welsh Government have confirmed they will call on UK parliament to legislate for a referendum and they will campaign for the UK to remain in the EU in any public

vote.

While their adjusted position was due to several factors (the UK Government not being able to pass a Withdrawal Agreement, the breakdown in cross-party talks, the results of the European elections, and a new Tory Leader yet to be determined), ultimately this has not changed or impacted the overall UK Government's position – which is to deliver Brexit by 31 October and not to call a second referendum (which was rejected in an [MP vote back in March](#), 85 – 334).

Regardless of this development, the position of the Welsh NHS Confederation remains the same – to create a healthcare system in a post Brexit environment which allows us to recruit the best talent from the UK and abroad, protect the rights of both employees and patients, preserve reciprocal healthcare arrangements and so much more. Please click [here](#) to read about our ten key issues for health and social care as the UK prepares to leave the EU.

Following US President's state visit, Donald Trump commented that the '*NHS is on the table*' when it comes to post Brexit trade deals. Niall Dickson, Chief Executive of the NHS Confederation, responded on the Today Programme on BBC Radio and said: "*The NHS itself is run by public officials, and the idea that the NHS is going to be somehow put up for sale is not practical and not likely to happen anywhere near the foreseeable future.*" The Welsh Government and Welsh Ministers have also made similar statements clearly stating that the Welsh NHS will not be up for sale as part of any new potential UK-US trade deal.

This week we attended a Cavendish Coalition meeting to discuss the Immigration White Paper. The Welsh NHS Confederation will be hosting a meeting next week with representatives across the Welsh health and care system to discuss how we would like to frame a response across our sectors in Wales to the White Paper.

We have now published our [Preparing for Settled Status – Managers Toolkit](#). The Toolkit is designed to help managers provide support to colleagues who are citizens of other European countries around the process.

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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Myself & [@walesintheworld](#) have made it clear the Welsh NHS will not be up for sale as part of any new UK-US trade deal following Britain's exit from the EU



“The Welsh NHS is not for sale” – Welsh Government | GOV...

The Welsh NHS will not be up for sale as part of any new UK-US trade deal following Britain's exit from the EU, the Welsh Government said today.

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Welsh Government News and Guidance

[“The Welsh NHS is not for sale” – Welsh Government](#)

The Welsh NHS will not be up for sale as part of any new UK-US trade deal following Britain’s exit from the EU, the Welsh Government said today.

In a joint statement, the Health Minister and International Relations Minister said the Welsh NHS would not be part of any US-UK trade deal.

The President of the United States, Donald Trump, said earlier today that he expected British health services would be “on the table” in future UK-US trade deals post-Brexit.

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](#) – Monday, June 3 **Scrutiny session with the Counsel General and Brexit Minister**

Counsel General and Brexit Minister (Jeremy Miles) said the government is increasing its no-deal preparations in light of the Conservative leadership contest. Mr Miles highlighted Theresa May’s resignation, the breakdown in talks between the two front benches and the result of the EU elections as reasons for the Welsh Government’s policy on a second referendum. Mr Miles said the breathing space that the Brexit extension should have provided will now be taken up by party political processes

and further delay and that there is a serious risk of a no-deal departure unless it is extended again. He called for the new Prime Minister to rule out no-deal Brexit, bring forward legislation for a second referendum and start discussions with the EU27 regarding an extension.

[Statement: Update on Brexit](#) – Tuesday, June 4

Brexit Statement

Counsel General and Brexit Minister (Jeremy Miles) confirmed it is now the official policy of the Welsh Government to campaign to remain in the EU and call for a second referendum with remaining in the EU as an option on the ballot. In the meantime, he said his priority was preparing Wales for a no-deal Brexit and the Welsh Government continued to take robust action. He said ensuring access to food and medicines and maintaining funding levels remained his priorities.

[Health, Social Care and Sport Committee](#) – Wednesday June 5

Brexit

Carl James said strong continuity arrangements already exist, but a Brexit group has been set up. He said there has been engagement with the government and the chief pharmacist. On radio isotopes, AMs heard the centre is working with others to help them become available. He said a list of drugs which could experience a shortage has been released and work has been done with clinicians to help them understand replacements.

[The UK Shared Prosperity Fund: What are the latest developments and key issues?](#)

By Senedd Research on Thursday 6 June 2019

On 11 June the Assembly will debate the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Since the Conservative manifesto for the 2017 UK General Election

committed to replacing EU Structural Funds in the UK with a Shared Prosperity Fund, organisations have been anticipating further information on how this might work.

News and Reports

[Welsh Government will now campaign to remain in the European Union](#)

[The NHS and a post Brexit US trade deal](#)

[Niall Dickson appears on Today on BBC Radio 4 to discuss US ambassador comments on NHS](#)

[Cardiff hospitals consider restricting all but vital surgery in no-deal Brexit](#)

[Swansea EU citizens rights watchdog planned](#)

Migration Advisory Committee (MAC)

The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) published its recommendations for updating the current shortage occupation list. NHS Employers [submitted evidence](#) to the review in January 2019. [The report](#) recommends adding all doctors to the list along with occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, clinical psychologists and social workers, as well as retaining nurses, paramedics and radiographers on the list. It also recommended a specific Wales SOL, but did not recommend any additional roles to be added. The MAC will continue to work in 2019 on salary thresholds and the development of a post-Brexit immigration system.

Social Market Foundation

The independent think tank “Social Market Foundation” published [a report](#) to illuminate potential consequences of the UK Government’s currently proposed course of action through applying lessons from history to the EU Settlement Scheme and to the Government White Paper on the Future Immigration System

Brexit Frequently Asked Questions

We have updated our Brexit on **24 May** to include questions concerning a returning UK national, details about the Settled Status Scheme (including the App and document scanning locations), as well as details of how clinical trials will be impacted.

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

UK Government & NHS England Resources

The UK has not ratified the Withdrawal Agreement by the deadline set of 22 May 2019, so had a legal obligation to hold European Parliamentary elections.

The below timeline outlines the key dates between the results of the European Elections in May and the end of the Brexit extension until 31 October. The dates are taken from media reports.

- **20-21 June** - EU leaders will assess the progress Britain has made over the past few months at a European council summit.
- **28-29 June** – PM due to attend a G20 summit in Osaka which will be her final overseas summit.
- **2 July** - New MEPs sit at the inaugural session of the new European parliament.
- **25 July** - The rough date on which the Commons would be expected to rise for summer recess.
- **Mid-August** - The approximate time by which the PM would need to call a general election to be held before the article 50 extension expires – in order to meet the requirements of the Fixed-Term Parliaments Act 2011, and also the timetable set out in the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, which requires 25 working days for an election campaign.
- **5-12 September** - date on which the Commons would be likely to return from summer recess, bar any early recall of MPs to deal with Brexit crises.
- **8 October** - The date MPs would return to parliament, 18 working days before the UK would be due to leave the EU.
- **10 October** - The last practical polling date on which a PM could hold a general election or second referendum – the final Thursday before the next European council. The Electoral Commission is suggesting it would need [10 weeks to organise](#) a poll, as set out in the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000, and that there would be a campaign of at least four weeks. In practice, a change of policy or government this late in the timetable would be likely to require a further extension if a radical change of direction is expected.
- **17-18 October** - EU leaders meet for the final European council summit before the UK's extension is due to expire.

- **31 October** - The six-month Article 50 extension will expire.

Highlights from Westminster

- State visit from US President Donald Trump
- Last day as Theresa May as Leader of the Conservative Party, with the Leadership contest ramping up.

Guidance

[Trading in drug precursors if there's no Brexit deal](#)

How trading in drug precursor chemicals would be affected if the UK leaves the EU with no deal.

[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). **Now with two locations in Wales, Caerphilly and Bridgend.**

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](#).

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

[EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Home Affairs Committee report

Raises concerns that the Settlement Scheme leaves EU citizens in an uncertain situation regarding their rights to remain in the UK

[EU Settlement Scheme](#)

Commons Library research briefing

Overview of the EU Settlement Scheme, which allows EU, EEA and Swiss nationals to apply to remain in the UK after Brexit

Looking Ahead

Tuesday 11

- Statement: [Implications of the UK Government's immigration proposals](#)
- Debate: [The Shared Prosperity Fund](#)

Wednesday 12

- Oral Questions: [Brexit](#)
 4. Hefin David (Caerphilly)(Lab): Will the Counsel General make a statement on **EU structural funds** support for apprenticeships and skills training in Wales?
 6. Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy)(Con): Will the Counsel General outline what **additional no-deal preparatory measures the Welsh Government is undertaking in relation to health and social services** prior to 31 October 2019?
 9. Mohammad Asghar (South Wales East)(Con): What assessment has the Counsel General made of the effect of **Brexit on immigration in Wales**?

10. Rhun ap Iorwerth (Ynys Mon)(PC): What assessment has the Counsel General made on the effect that leaving the EU would have on the **ability to recruit dentists**?

Upcoming Events

**As part of the NHS Confederation conference: [1.7 Brexit – What now?](#)
19th June, 11:30-12:30pm, Confed19**

Chaired by Dr Layla McCay, Director of International Relations, NHS Confederation, this session will be speaking at the Confed19 Conference where she will address the most pertinent challenges, opportunities, and questions for the NHS associated with Brexit. It will provide key information, and include opportunities for interactivity with a diverse panel of experts from the Brexit Health Alliance, NHS and others. The detail of this session will be directed by the evolving political situation, ensuring that the session provides the most current view. To book please [click here](#).



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