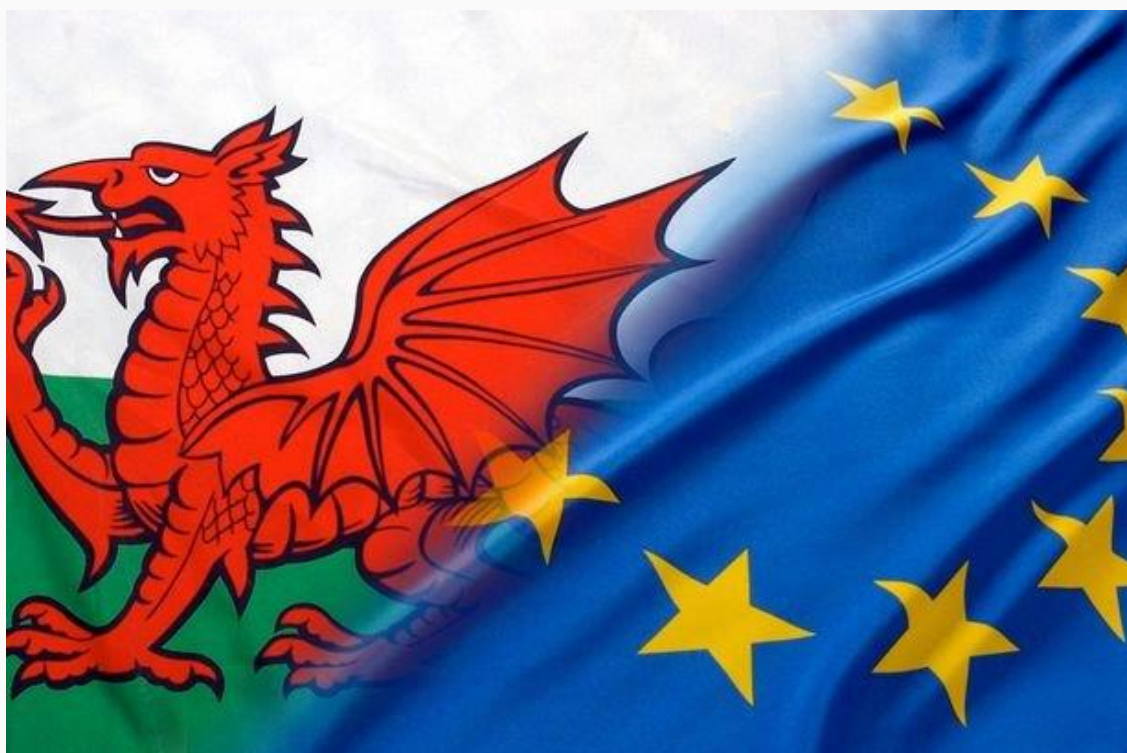


BREXIT AT A GLANCE...

Weekly news, views and insights from the Welsh NHS Confederation
Friday, 2 August



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What Happened This Week...

This was a quiet week as both the UK Parliament and the National Assembly are now in recess until September. We will still send out our Brexit Newsletter, but will decrease the frequency to once a fortnight until September. Mark your

diaries: the next edition of this newsletter will be sent to you **Friday 16 August**.

At present we're still unclear as to the outcome of the process, but a no-deal scenario seems to be more likely than ever. We have been working consistently with our members and Welsh Government to ensure messages are up to date and that the health and care sector remains as ready as it can be if a possible no-deal scenario turns into a reality. In April we set out our [key issues for health and social care as we leave the EU](#) and, we will continue to make the case for the type of health and social care system we would like to see.

Our [Brexit Preparedness Toolkit](#) provides a high-level summary of current no-deal preparations in Wales. This document is intended to support the NHS and other stakeholders in understanding the implications of a no-deal Brexit and be a tool to spark thinking about the longer-term policy and service implications as well as opportunities leaving the EU may have for the healthcare sector in Wales. It acts as a link to both UK and Welsh Government [guidance](#) in an Annex which will be updated to match the most up to date information that is issued. We will continue to represent the interests of our members at Welsh Government and UK level. You can see our key messages for health and social care on our [website](#).

The health and care workforce are at the heart of the Welsh NHS and the services it provides. We continue to engage with the Home Office to ensure the essential roles that EEA nationals have in our workforce are valued, appreciated and necessary to ensure the delivery of high-quality services. This week we participated in a Home Office National Advisory Group where we were able to discuss the implications of the temporary worker route and crossing the border policies within the Immigration White Paper.

Earlier in the week we also published a [briefing](#) on how Mutually Recognised Professional Qualifications (MRPQ) will be impacted by Brexit, in a deal or no deal situation. It is important that our EU/EEA workforce feel valued and that

they will be able to continue to work and contribute to the Welsh NHS regardless of the outcome of Brexit.

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 and take a look at our [Brexit Preparedness Toolkit](#).

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Today we've launched our [#Brexit](#) preparedness toolkit for the [#WelshNHS](#). The toolkit looks at a number of potential scenarios and links to all the most up to date guidance. Take a look here: buff.ly/2K97NsB



Welsh Government News and Guidance

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.

UK Government News

[No-deal is a very real prospect. We must ensure we are ready: article by Michael Gove](#)

It is important that we ensure we are ready for a no-deal Brexit, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster writes in The Times.

[Chancellor announces billions to turbo-charge no deal preparations](#)

The UK Government Chancellor Sajid Javid announced £2.1bn for no-deal Brexit preparation. Funding will be used for border and customs operations, **critical medical supplies**, support for UK nationals abroad, and an awareness campaign to ensure the public and businesses are ready to leave the EU. The additional targeted funding allocated will support critical operations, **including £434 million made available to help ensure continuity of vital medicines and medical products, including through freight capacity, warehousing and stockpiling.**

[Major areas of health are unfinished business and need urgent action from new Prime Minister, says NHS Confederation](#)

In a letter and manifesto to PM Boris Johnson, the **NHS Confederation** discusses the major areas it would like to see the new UK Government work towards for health and social care. On Brexit, we have been keen to make sure that whatever happens, patients here and in Europe do not suffer as a result of changing arrangements, and we have been working closely with government departments to bring this about here as well as with European organisations, to encourage the Commission to recognise the potential implications for patients across the continent. We are particularly anxious to make sure that we protect the medical supply chain, honour reciprocal healthcare agreements and establish a migration system which supports social care and health.

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

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

UK Government & NHS England Resources

Guidance

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](#).

[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

Summer Recess for the National Assembly: Monday 22 July 2019 –
Sunday 15 September 2019

Summer Recess for the UK Parliament: Friday 29 July 2019 –
Tuesday 3 September 2019



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