



# Brexit and the NHS: Election 2017

To maintain safe and high quality services, the NHS Confederation calls on political parties to commit to the following:

## Budget

A detailed analysis of the benefits and costs resulting from exiting the EU to ensure that the NHS is protected at a time of unprecedented service changes.

## Research

Continued access to collaborative EU-wide research programmes and clinical trials, developing and testing better treatments for patients and guarantee research funding beyond Brexit.

## Employment

A straightforward migration system that enables the health and social care sector to attract, recruit and retain high quality staff from abroad who meet UK standards, coupled with extra investment in domestic training opportunities.

## X-border healthcare

Reciprocal arrangements so that UK citizens can continue to receive safe and seamless healthcare when living in EU countries, and vice versa. Continuation of existing joint working across the island of Ireland.

## Innovation

No delay for patients in accessing innovative treatments available on the EU market, in the event of the UK leaving the European Medicines Agency.

## Trade

Future UK trade agreements should safeguard the provision of high quality health services and maintain or improve standards of imported goods and services.

## Networks

UK hospitals should be able to continue to lead and participate in European Reference Networks, collaborating with EU countries to tackle rare and complex diseases.

## Health incidents

Continued access to EU-wide systems to respond to and combat major cross-border public health incidents (for example epidemics) and uphold high environmental and safety standards.

## Supplies

Smooth continuation of the supply of vital medicines and medical equipment.

### Further information

The NHS Confederation welcomes the opportunity to discuss these issues further. For more information please contact [enquiries@nhsconfed.org](mailto:enquiries@nhsconfed.org)

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