

What Happened This Week...

With less than three weeks until the general election, there has been very few Brexit developments, but it continues to be discussed by all the political parties. Most of the political parties have launched their manifestos this week and many third sectors and royal colleges have been publishing their calls for the next Government, as expected concern over Brexit and the UK's future relationship with Europe features as a key ask for many. The consequences of a no-deal Brexit on workers and patients' wellbeing and rights being the main area highlighted.

On Monday we attended the General Election Briefing 2019 from the Wales Governance Centre. The panel discussed the political parties' campaigns in Wales, the key issues and the current opinion polls. [Research](#) from the Wales Governance Centre highlighted that while health continues to be the second biggest issue for voters, it is down by 5% since 2017, while leaving the EU is up 1% and remains the top priority.

The EU Transitional Leadership and SROs met earlier in the week, continuing the Welsh Government's and NHS in Wales no-deal preparations and discussing the possible implications for public services and the population. Local pharmacies have now received [printed materials](#) on medicines and can continue to push the [key messages](#) to the public.

A quick reminder that the [EU Citizens' Immigration Advice Service](#) is now open. The service is **free of charge** and is aimed at helping EU nationals and their families living in Wales apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. Individuals can access specialist support from [Newfields Law](#) and a range of charity partners. We have updated our [Brexit FAQs](#) with detailed information on the EU Settlement Scheme and immigration.

The King's Fund published an [article](#) on NHS privatisation this week. If you'd like more information on the NHS and future trade agreements then take a look at the [briefing](#) our European office produced. Over the next month we will be considering the key asks within the document and reviewing whether they are all relevant to us in Wales and if there are additional asks we would put forward.

As always, if you need any further information, please look at our [Brexit Preparedness Toolkit](#) and additional [annex](#), with all the latest guidance from UK and Welsh Government. Alternatively, you can email any questions to brexitfaqs@welshconfed.org. For more information and our latest resources visit [our website](#) or follow us on twitter [@welshconfed](#).

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