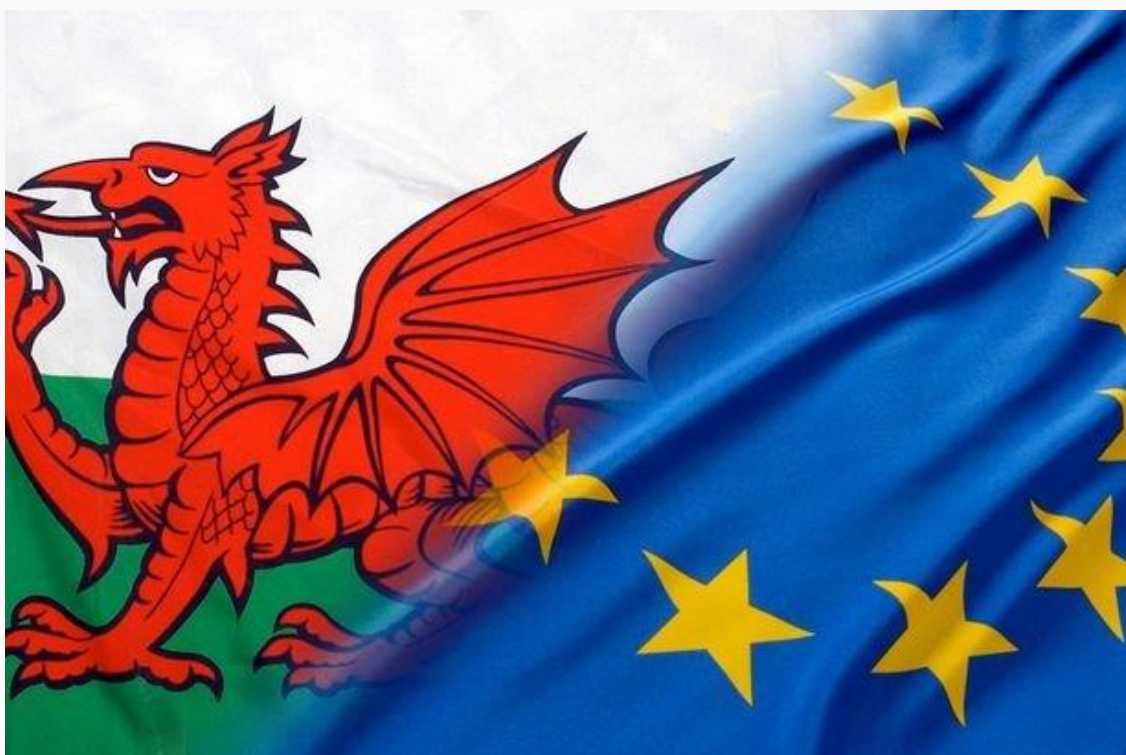




BREXIT AT A GLANCE...

Weekly news, views and insights from the Welsh NHS Confederation
Friday, 1 November



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to your workforce and care providers***

What Happened This Week...

With developments in Westminster changing almost hourly this week, MPs voted on a series of motions, influencing how we continue to prepare for Brexit over winter. EU leaders granted another 'flexextension' of Article 50 until 31

January 2020 and MPs voted to hold a general election on 12 December.

The immediate risk of a 'no deal' outcome has passed, but planning arrangements for the health and social care sector continues. Until a Withdrawal Agreement is accepted by UK Parliament the risk remains for the UK to leave without a deal at the end of January.

In light of these developments, we have updated our [Brexit Preparedness Toolkit](#). This was first published in July 2019, and this new edition better reflects current planning, contingency arrangements and links to briefings we've published over the summer and autumn on topics such as [reciprocal healthcare](#), [EU funding](#) and [mutually recognised professional qualifications](#). We have also updated our FAQs to inform frontline staff of developing arrangements.

Yesterday, Dr Andrew Goodall, issued a letter (available in [English](#) and [Welsh](#)) and a [video](#) to health and social care Chief Executives, explaining what the extension means for planning arrangements along with Welsh Government's no deal preparations paper issued earlier in October.

During this time we want to continue to encourage and support EU nationals working in health and social care to apply for the [settled status scheme](#). The scheme is free meaning there will be no charge for applications. For complex cases the www.eusswales.com website details a range of third sector organisations that can provide free assistance.

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.

Nesta Lloyd-Jones,
Assistant Director, Welsh NHS Confederation



Welsh Government News and Guidance

Withdrawal Act: Jeremy Miles [notified](#) AMs that the UK Government [laid](#) its fifth report relating to Common Frameworks on 'freezing powers' to allow UK Ministers competence over devolved matters.



[Preparations for exiting the EU](#)

Letter from Dr Andrew Goodall, Director General and Chief Executive of the Welsh NHS

In view of the current extension and the continuing political uncertainties, it will be essential that we maintain our state of readiness throughout this period. This will ensure that we remain well placed to respond quickly to events as they happen and that our levels of preparedness do not slip as we head into winter.

Once we have fully considered all the implications of the current situation, we will provide you with more information about the next steps as soon as possible. We will also ensure your organisations are regularly updated through our established communications channels.

I am extremely grateful to you and your staff who are involved in this critical work, for your continued engagement and efforts to manage preparations alongside the daily running of our health and care services. I am confident that I can continue to rely on your commitment to deliver services of the highest quality possible in the months ahead.

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.

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

Brexit Frequently Asked Questions

We have our Brexit [FAQs](#) again this week to include details about the **third Article 50 extension to 31 January** and how the health and social care sector will prepare for Brexit of the course of the winter. Visit the [FAQs page](#) to get the latest version as it's updated and send in any questions to BrexitFAQs@welshconfed.org

UK Government & NHS England Resources

Overview from Westminster

- The EU confirmed a third extension of Article 50 until 31 January 2020.
- MPs agreed to an early general election with a short bill. This was after having lost his third attempt to pass this in Parliament on Monday (under the Fixed Terms Parliament Act), with Labour and SNP MPs abstaining

from the vote.

- There will be a general election on Thursday December 12, after amendments from opposition parties calling for the date to be changed to December 9 failed. Parliament will be dissolved next week.

Guidance

There has been a raft of [guidance](#) updated this week, mainly dealing with access to **healthcare for UK nationals in EU nations**, the UK Government's **EU funding guarantee** and registration procedures, and an **impact assessment for the European Temporary Leave to Remain** system.

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](#).

News and Reports

GENERAL ELECTION 2019 – PLAID CYMRU: “WE’LL STOP BREXIT WITH FINAL SAY REFERENDUM”

The Leader of Plaid Cymru **Adam Price** has confirmed his party will stand on policy of stopping Brexit in the upcoming General Election by supporting a **Final Say** referendum with ‘Remain’ on the ballot.

[Call to stop wasting millions on Get Ready for Brexit 'propaganda' as EU grant extension](#)

A Welsh MP has called for an immediate stop to the £100 million 'Get Ready for Brexit' ad campaign, saying that it was nothing more than a "thinly veiled piece of political propaganda".

[Brexit: the implications for health and social care](#)

Brexit could have major implications for health and social care in England. Kings Fund look at some of the latest developments that could have an impact.

Looking Ahead

Monday 4 November

- National Assembly: External Affairs Committee

Tuesday 5 November

- **Questions to the First Minister:**
 - Jenny Rathbone - What can the Welsh Government do to safeguard the supply of **generic medicines** for the Welsh NHS in light of recent UK Government trade talks?

Wednesday 6 November

- **UK Parliament** dissolved ahead of the general election on 12 December
- **Plenary - Questions to the Counsel General and Brexit Minister (in respect of his Brexit Minister responsibilities)**
 - Lynne Neagle: What assessment has the Counsel General made of the impact of the latest withdrawal agreement on **workers' rights** in Wales?

Thursday 7 November

- Health and Trade Symposium, Life Science Hub Wales