The NHS Confederation European Office:
What we did for the NHS in 2018/19

Spoke up for the NHS on Brexit

- Influenced UK and EU politicians and policymakers to address NHS priorities in Brexit negotiations
- Led Brexit Health Alliance campaigns for patient access to medicines, research, reciprocal healthcare and health security after Brexit
- Supported Cavendish Coalition campaigning on workforce supply post-Brexit
- Helped healthcare organisations in the EU make the case to EU politicians to put patients first

Helped the NHS prepare for Brexit

- Informed the NHS of the latest Brexit developments
- Highlighted implications for the health sector and actions that were required
- Signposted NHS organisations to guidance and resources
- Listened and fed back NHS frontline concerns to government to successfully improve Brexit plans and guidance

Influenced and improved EU laws and helped the NHS implement them

- Helped NHS organisations prepare to comply with new EU data protection rules (GDPR)
- Successfully lobbied for high public protection standards in EU law regulating healthcare professions
- Secured helpful changes to upcoming legislation on online privacy and health technology assessments
- Developed clear guidance for NHS trusts on implementing medical devices legislation
- Input to EU consultations on two Directives influencing new contractual rights for workers

Shared and learnt from our European and global partners

- Appointed a Director of International Relations
- Set up a special interest group for NHS organisations to access international opportunities and share expertise with global partners
- Developed an international intelligence scanning system to support delivery of the NHS Long Term Plan
- Shared best practice across Europe on tackling workplace stress and work-related ill health
- Showcased and represented the NHS internationally via the European Hospital and Healthcare Federation (HOPE) and International Hospital Federation (IHF)

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