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Dear Convener, Health & Sport Committee

## Anticipated UK Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill – Legislative Consent Memorandum

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2018.

Please see below responses (in bold) on behalf of NHS Fife, in the order of the questions you asked.

1. How do you identify (non-UK) EEA citizens using NHS services in your Board area (on behalf of the DWP)?

**Although the majority of patients first access our hospital services via A&E, historically the request for these details have not been a routine component of our procedures, however, as part of our drive for continuous improvement, we have recently updated our Financial Operating Procedures in conjunction with Health Records to ensure this data is systematically collected.**

2. How much does it cost the Board to provide treatment for (non-UK) EEA individuals?

**We do not routinely collect this information.**

3. How many (non-UK) EEA individuals using NHS services of the Board were reported to DWP in the last five years?

**None.**



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4. What costs to the Board were reported to the DWP incurred by (non-UK) EEA individuals in the last five years?

**None.**

5. What means does the Board use to identify and recover costs for non EEA citizens who are not eligible for NHS treatment?

**Please see response to Q1 above.**

6. In the last five financial years, how much did treatment cost for these (nonEEA) individuals and how much was recovered?

**Total Cost = £81,086.96**

**Total Recovered = £39,782.96**

I hope the above information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hawkins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Paul Hawkins**  
Chief Executive