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Dear Mr MacDonald

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

Further to your letter dated 27 November 2018, please find our response to the questions asked:

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

Non UK EEA citizens are not currently identified and recorded in the Board area. The NHS Board is proposing to develop a new process to identify and record non UK EEA citizens using health services following implementation of a new Patient Management System (Trackcare).

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

The costs for providing treatment to non-UK EEA individuals are not currently recorded.

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

There were no individuals reported in the last five years as this information is not currently collected.

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

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There were no costs reported in the last five years as this information is not routinely collected.

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

Staff treating patients in outpatient and inpatient areas inform the Health Records team when a patient has been identified as a non EEA citizen. A Stage 1 interview is conducted with a member of Health Records to confirm the patient's residency status. If the patient is not eligible for NHS treatment an 'undertaking to pay' form is completed and passed to finance colleagues to cost and invoice accordingly.

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

In the last 5 years treatment for those non EEA individuals which were identified and charged, totalled £87,197, of which £64,728 has been recovered.

I trust this meets with your approval, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive