

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

Response from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

In response to your questions:

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

Identification of non-UK EEA citizens is undertaken primarily through flagging of patient postcodes on the Patient System and Medical Records thereafter carrying out an Oversea Interview to determine the individual's residential status. All relevant documents are copied for the DWP Portal for EEA citizens or for invoicing for overseas individuals. It should be noted that information as to the residential status of an individual may be notified also by insurance companies, nursing or other staff, or by the patient or their relatives.

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

All treatments provision for non-UK EEA patients is costed on an individual basis, with totals provided below.

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

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have reported 82 individuals to the DWP within the last five years, but it should be noted that there are 745 pending cases for which information is currently awaited from the relevant EEA Health or Government body. The current year is the first year in which NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde have participated in the EHIC Incentive Scheme, which has led to the current number of pending cases.

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

To date £189,040.00 has been input to DWP with a potential of £1,873,734.00 dependant on receiving requested information in order to input to DWP

Financial Year	Total No of Cases	£	No of DWP Cases	DWP £	No of Cases Pending	Pending £
2014/2015	44	£104,316.00	7	£12,149.00	37	£92,167.00
2015/2016	207	£445,036.00	29	£36,904.00	178	£408,132.00

2016/2017	159	£330,675.00	14	£69,644.00	145	£261,031.00
2017/2018	208	£608,730.00	11	£46,463.00	197	£562,267.00
2018/2019	209	£574,017.00	21	£23,880.00	188	£550,137.00

It should be noted that of the DWP income, only 25% will be recoverable to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

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

As above, at Question 1, with the addition of NHS Counter Fraud Services.

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

Financial Year	No of patients	Total Invoice Value	Settled at 28/11/18
2014/2015	72	£453,076.89	£289,572.43
2015/2016	76	£783,562.00	£508,911.00
2016/2017	91	£431,930.08	£119,422.00
2017/2018	207	£1,010,356.00	£304,027.14
2018/2019	152	£893,579.67	£349,781.87

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