

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

## Response from NHS Lothian

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

NHS Lothian runs a daily report from TRAK (patient information system) which highlights individuals who meet specific criteria e.g. no CHI number and an overseas address. Alternatively information may be provided directly from ward staff or from General Practitioners.

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

The total cost of EEA individuals based on the submitted European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) claims for short stay visitors (less than 90 days) and S2 claims for elective procedures over year a five year period between April 2013 and March 2018 was £2,217,099.

NHS Lothian cannot report on EEA individuals who meet the longer term residency requirements (over 90 days) and entitlement to healthcare without charge in accordance with the Scottish Government Overseas Regulations (CEL 09(2010)). This would include students, workers and sometimes spouses of EEA individuals entitled to healthcare without charge.

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

Over the five year period between April 2013 and March 2018 a total of 2780 individual instances relating to EEA individuals using NHS Lothian services were reported to the DWP, based on the submitted European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) claims for short stay visitors (less than 90 days) and S2 claims for elective procedures.

As per the note in question 2, this figure does not include the EEA individuals who meet the longer term residency requirements (over 90 days) and are entitled to healthcare without charge.

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

The table below details the costs reported through the DWP on receipt of EHIC and S2 claims.

	Total				
Board	Apr 13 - Mar 14	Apr 14 - Mar 15	Apr 15 - Mar 16	Apr 16 - Mar 17	Apr 17 - Mar 18
	£	£	£	£	£
NHS Lothian	£352,257	£381,772	£394,352	£875,359	£213,359

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

NHS Lothian uses the methods noted in question 1 to identify all individuals who may be liable for healthcare charges (non EEA and EEA).

The dedicated team would then meet with the individuals where possible to discuss the possibility of charges and what is required to confirm healthcare without charge.

Once liability of charges has been confirmed invoices will be raised to recover the costs. If these are not paid in a timely manner, debt recovery processes will be initiated to recover the costs from the individuals.

Any individuals with unresolved debts are added to the UK Home Office watch list for Border Control.

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

The table below shows the total invoiced for overseas patients over the last 5 years and how much remains outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 in relation to these invoices.

Year	Charges	Balance Outstanding
2013-14	704,711	3,016
2014-15	673,680	6,792
2015-16	782,658	33,641
2016-17	1,398,888	328,248
2017-18	895,943	158,611
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,455,879</b>	<b>530,309</b>

The table below breaks down these charges into Nationals of Non-EEA countries and those of EEA countries where charges have applied and where we have confirmed Nationality for these individuals.

Broken Down as by Nationality where known:

Year	EEA Balance		Non-EEA Charges	Non-EEA Balance		Nationality to be confirmed Charges	Nationality to be confirmed Balance Outstanding
	EEA Charges	Outstanding		Balance Outstanding			
2013-14	106,555	0	442,513	3,016	155,643	0	
2014-15	43,447	0	421,066	4,942	209,167	1,850	
2015-16	44,249	0	336,646	33,641	401,762	0	
2016-17	102,705	123	670,096	134,904	626,087	193,221	
2017-18	63,912	1,608	522,241	62,597	309,790	94,407	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>360,869</b>	<b>1,731</b>	<b>2,392,561</b>	<b>239,100</b>	<b>1,702,450</b>	<b>289,478</b>	