

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

**Response from NHS Western Isles**

1. How do you identify (non-UK) EEA citizens using NHS services in your board area (on behalf of the DWP)? We receive patient details from the Information Management Team.  
**Answer 1) NHSWI Health Intelligence Team send a list to finance of all non-island residents who have received treatment at the hospital. This is sent monthly and includes the patients' addresses. There is no involvement with the DWP.**
2. How much does it cost the board to provide treatment for (non-UK) EEA individuals?  
**Answer 2) On average £7.5k per annum (based on the last 5 complete years to 31 March 2018)**
3. How many (non-UK) EEA individuals using NHS services of the board were reported to DWP in the last five years?  
**Answer 3) Zero**
4. What costs to the boards were reported to the DWP incurred by (non-UK) EEA individuals in the last five years?  
**Answer 4) Non applicable (See ans. 3)**
5. What means does the board use to identify and recover costs for non EEA citizens who are not eligible for NHS treatment?  
**Answer 5) We receive the patient information from the Health Intelligence team, any patients from overseas and not classed as being from the EU or from any country with which we have a reciprocal agreement are invoiced either directly or through a Travel Insurance Company /Shipping Company in the case of Seamen.**
6. In the last five financial years, how much did treatment cost for these (non EEA) individuals and how much was recovered?  
**Answer 6) £37,800 for 5 years to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. We have invoiced this full amount and it has all been paid or we expect it will be paid.**