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Brexit: the Impact on Healthcare Services in the EU27

“British medicine is European medicine. We want to keep our British colleagues on board. CPME remains convinced that there are technical and legal solutions to enable doctors’ mobility and cooperation on health post-Brexit. We therefore appeal to negotiators on both sides to show the political willingness to protect health, with pragmatic and sustainable agreements.”

Prof. Dr Frank Ulrich Montgomery, President of the Standing Committee of European Doctors (CPME).

European doctors are deeply concerned by the continuing uncertainty about the UK’s future relationship with the European Union. The lack of a clear guidance from the government represents a threat to patients, medical workforce and health systems. The future of medical mobility is of special concern.

Europe’s patients and the European medical profession have benefitted immensely from free movement of doctors. The exchange of knowledge and mutual learning opportunities which this mobility offered have crucially contributed to the continuous increase of quality of care across Europe, for every patient. European doctors will therefore continue to advocate for a solution which safeguards quality of care and a continued knowledge transfer in the profession throughout Europe. CPME supports the British Medical Association in all its efforts to end the uncertainty caused by Brexit.

CPME is aware that many of the problems addressed are most acute on the island of Ireland where cross-border cooperation on health occurs every day. CPME shares the concerns expressed by the Irish Medical Organisation and strongly supports action to clarify immediately how the cross-border provision of healthcare will continue.

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