

Extracts from Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition paper on Priorities and Key Issues

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Priorities/ Desired Outcomes

Health

- Need to retain the free movement of health professionals and protect the rights of EU citizens currently employed in healthcare and social care in Wales. There needs to continue to be effective movement of patients across EU boundaries.
- Clarity on the future of access to cross border healthcare and patient mobility.
- Continued cross border co-operation in Public Health matters (including health protection, environmental health, food and nutrition).
- Retain access to health funding programmes and competitive research and innovation programmes until at least 2023 and the ability to participate in health and research activities beyond.

Opportunities

Health

- There is an opportunity for Wales to be internationally recognised for its excellent health and social care research that has a positive impact on the health, wellbeing and prosperity of the people in Wales.
- Addressing our key health and well-being challenges effectively in Wales will benefit from continuing international collaboration. Learning from others and sharing risks when trying novel approaches will help accelerate the access to benefits for citizens, improve sustainability of our health & care services and enhance economic opportunities in one of our key economic sectors.

Risks

Health

- There is a risk that a lack of engagement with European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC) and other agencies may increase risk of unpreparedness to meet global health risks.