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REQUEST

All the questions relate to guidance issued by the Department of Health and Social Care on 21 December 2018.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/768077/eu-exit-operational-readiness-guidance.pdf

Please send the following information:

1. Have you appointed a senior responsible officer for EU Exit preparation? If so, who is it and what is their existing job title with the trust?
2. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts have been asked to undertake internal reviews/self-assessments of purchased consumables, goods and services (non-clinical) to understand any risks to operations if there is disruptions in supply in the event of a no-deal EU exit. Please send your trust's review/self-assessment.
3. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts were asked to assess whether your organisation has incurred a reduction in the number of EU nationals in your workforce before the UK leaves the EU. Please confirm if you have carried out this assessment, and if you have please send the assessment.
4. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts were told to undertake local risk assessments to identify any staff groups or services that may be vulnerable if there is a shortfall of EU nationals. Please confirm if you have carried out such assessments, and if you have please send the assessments.

RESPONSE

1. Have you appointed a senior responsible officer for EU Exit preparation? If so, who is it and what is their existing job title with the trust?

A) Yes the SRO for EU Exit Preparation is the Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Governance.

2. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts have been asked to undertake internal reviews/self-assessments of purchased consumables, goods and services (non-clinical) to understand any risks to operations if there is disruptions in supply in the event of a no-deal EU exit. Please send your trust's review/self-assessment.

A) Yes and this has been submitted to the DHSC as required, and we are following the advice issued to NHS bodies. This information is commercially sensitive information and cannot be shared. The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43.2 of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

3. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts were asked to assess whether your organisation has incurred a reduction in the number of EU nationals in your workforce before the UK leaves the EU. Please confirm if you have carried out this assessment, and if you have please send the assessment.

A) Yes we have completed the assessment – we have contacted all our employees who are EU nationals and supported them to complete settled status applications. For this Trust it is a relatively small number of staff and sharing the information would be a breach of confidentiality.

4. All NHS trusts and foundation trusts were told to undertake local risk assessments to identify any staff groups or services that may be vulnerable if there is a shortfall of EU nationals. Please confirm if you have carried out such assessments, and if you have please send the assessments.

A) Yes we have completed the assessment – the staff are employed in a range of roles and across a number of specialties. For this Trust it is a relatively small number of staff and sharing the information would be a breach of confidentiality.