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Freedom of Information request 433-19

Request

Please provide under the FOI Act:

- Latest EU Exit readiness planning
- Latest EU Exit risk/ impact assessments
- Latest EU Exit contingency planning

Response

A paper on EU withdrawal was on the agenda of the Borders Health Board meeting on 2 August 2018. The paper can be viewed on the NHS Borders website at the following link:

http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/638093/Appendix-2018-67-EU-Withdrawal.pdf

Readiness Planning

NHS Borders is planning for reasonable worst case scenario in the event of a No Deal Brexit in accordance with the Scottish Civil Contingencies Planning Assumptions. This comprises planning for the potential operational impacts of EU withdrawal on workforce, financial, procurement, food supply/catering, pharmacy and public health

Risk/Impact Assessments

Brexit appears on the NHS Borders Strategic Risk Register and the extract is attached.



Contingency Planning

In addition to its business continuity plans, the Board has contingency plans in place for worst case scenario within the guidance received from Scottish Government and in partnership with national procurement agencies.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

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