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The Academy does not have a policy position on Brexit per se. Its concerns are purely to ensure that there are no negative impacts on patients or the health and care system. As such the Academy is committed to working with the Government and devolved administrations to ensure that the right policies and practical arrangements will be in place following Brexit.

The Academy identified the following key issues which we felt had to be addressed as part of Brexit discussions in respect of healthcare:

- Workforce Supply – retention and continued recruitment of EU staff
- Protecting medical science and research
- Regulatory alignment for health technology (medicines and devices)
- Reciprocal healthcare arrangement
- Public Health
- Maintaining healthcare arrangements and provision in Ireland.

The Academy has sought to work as much as possible on a collaborative basis with other healthcare organisation to ensure that there is a clear voice of the health care sector. To this end the Academy is a member of and works closely with:

- The Cavendish Coalition which brings together employer and staff organisations to focus on workforce implications of Brexit
- The Brexit Health Alliance which comprises industry, employer and third sector organisations to consider the non-workforce implications of Brexit.

Progress had been made on many of the issues identified. However, this will depend on an agreement being reached. There is little doubt that crashing out of the EU without agreement would pose significant risks to patients and healthcare arrangements.

The role of the Academy during 2019 will be:

- To continue to identify and articulate the concerns of Colleges in relation to protecting healthcare standards
- To respond to relevant Government draft regulations produced in response to a possible 'No Deal'
- To engage with discussions during any transition period overlong term arrangements
- Monitoring the post Brexit situation and take required action
- Seeking to ensure a lack of disruption to healthcare in Ireland.