

## **Policy Statement on European Cross Border Health Care**

This policy describes how NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group will adhere to the European Directive 2011/24 and the policy set out by NHS England (2013) on support of European cross border health care for the local population.

NHS funding for treatment in the European Economic Area (EEA)<sup>1</sup> will be provided for patients who are entitled to NHS care and meet the treatment criteria. NHS funding for treatment in Europe will not be provided for 'low priority' treatments or interventions not normally funded.

All local commissioning policies setting out patient entitlement to treatments are publically available on the CCG website. This includes information on services that are not generally available to NHS patients and any access criteria where applicable.

Link to local treatment policies: <http://www.wiltshireccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do-and-dont-fund>

Patients who wish to have their NHS treatment in the European Economic Area should complete the application form available from the link below:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/plannedtreatment/Documents/nhs-england-funding-for-european-healthcare-form-2013.pdf>

A national Contact Point, the 'European team', has been established by NHS England to manage S2 and EUDirective applications on behalf of the whole of England.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the European team at:  
[england.europeanhealthcare@nhs.net](mailto:england.europeanhealthcare@nhs.net)

More information about the general eligibility criteria can be found on the NHS Choices website: [www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/plannedtreatment](http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/plannedtreatment)

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<sup>1</sup> Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom. NB while Switzerland is not in the EEA, Swiss nationals have the same rights as EEA nationals.