NHS Staff Council – Joint Statement

NHS Staff from European Union Countries Must be reassured about their employment in the NHS.

“The NHS employs thousands of staff from outside of the United Kingdom, many of these are from the countries of the European Union and beyond. These staff play a vital and valued contribution to delivering high quality care to patients.

Following the outcome of the recent EU referendum we understand that some of these loyal employees will be concerned and anxious about their futures. It is important that whatever their country of origin, these staff will continue to be able to work and make their contribution to the NHS. The support and care that all NHS staff, whether from the UK or elsewhere, provide to our patients is something which we both value and the service depends upon.

The NHS Staff Council believes it is important that all of the existing non-UK staff working in the NHS are as a matter of urgency given re-assurance and certainty, that there will not be any consequences for their employment either in the short term or when the UK eventually withdraws from the EU.”

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