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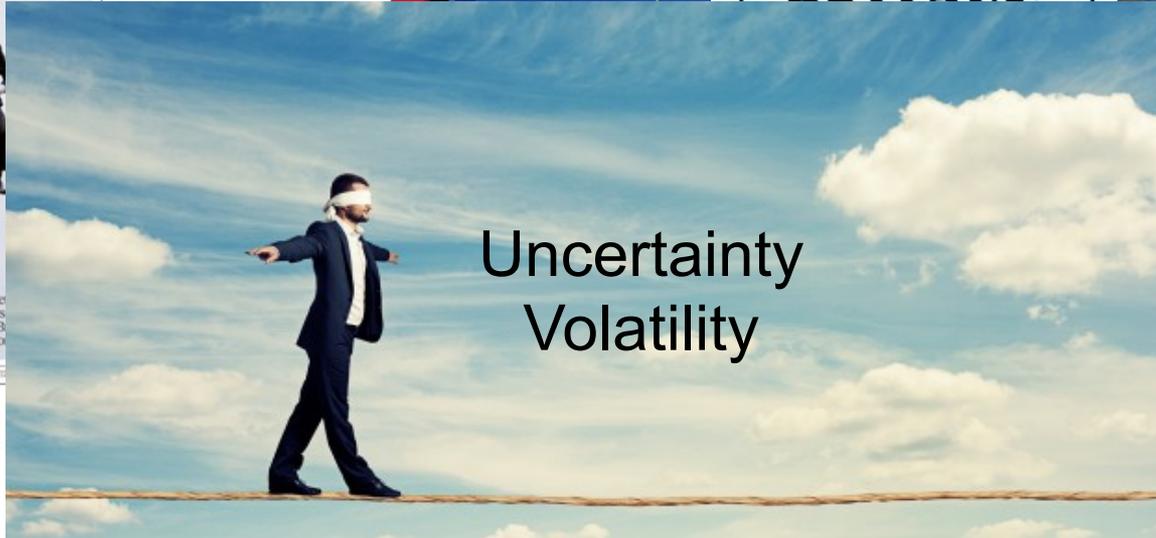
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The impacts of Brexit on healthcare

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The Headlines



Perspectives from the UK...

81 new medicines 

were recommended for approval by the European Medicines Agency in 2016, to treat conditions including cancer, and neurological conditions.¹

10% of NHS doctors 

come from elsewhere in the EU. This is almost 7% of the UK medical workforce.²

5% of NHS nurses 

are from elsewhere in the EU.⁶

Brexit
making sense
of the issues

16% of NHS midwives in London are from elsewhere in the EU. The total number of midwives in England from the EU is over 1,000.³ 



€300m

estimated EU health research funds were received by UK organisations for health research since January 2014.⁵

20% of surgeons in England trained in other EU countries.⁴ 

1. European Medicines Agency 2016

2. House of Commons briefing paper 2016

3. The Royal College of Midwives, figure applies to full time equivalent

4. Making the best of Brexit for the NHS, Royal College of Surgeons positioning paper 2016

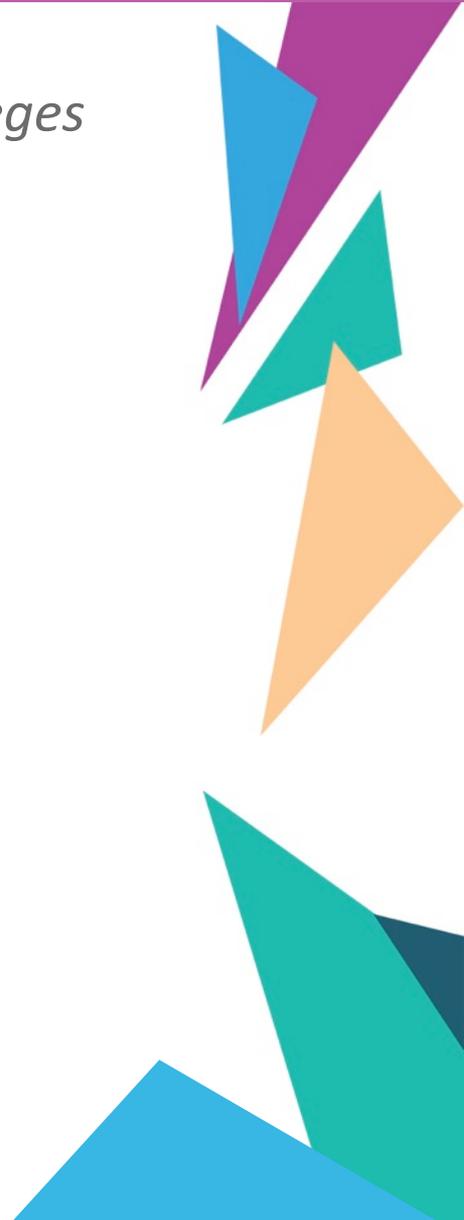
5. European Commission presentation, UK Research Office conference July 2016

6. Cavendish Coalition Health Select Committee submission Nov 2016

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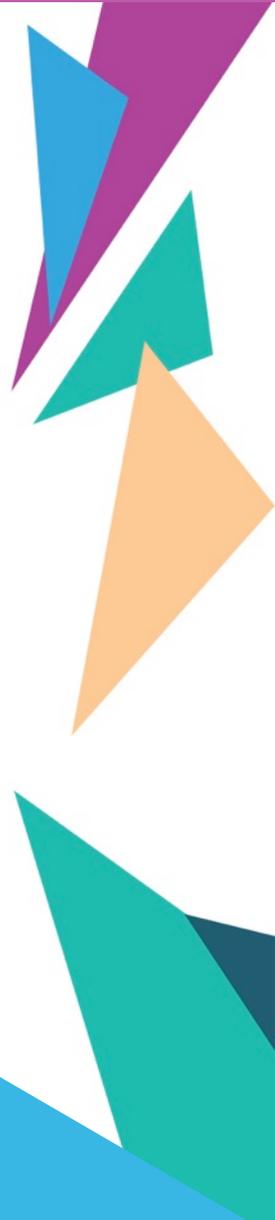
Concerns – *outlined by Academy of Medical Royal Colleges*

- Workforce supply
- Medical regulation and recognition of qualifications
- Medical Science and Research
- Regulatory alignment for health technology
- Public Health
- Reciprocal Health Arrangements
- Funding and sustainability of the NHS
- Public procurement requirements
- Working Time Directive
- Infrastructure Investment



Should it matter to us?

- Nearest neighbour with shared border and common travel area
- Shared island; population; history
- Only other English speaking country in Europe
- Healthcare, while very local, has key global aspects – particularly for small island of Ireland
- Brexit marks a key change in the nature of the relationship



A long history

General alignment ...

Medical Practice
Education & Training
Professional Examinations
Specialist Societies
Continuous Professional Development
Research
Standards
Regulation

Irish Healthcare professionals in UK

..... But also divergence

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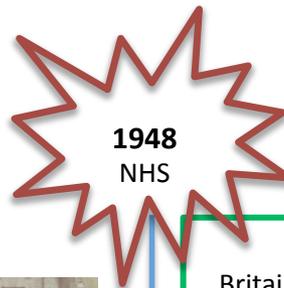
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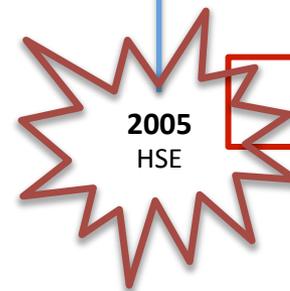
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Throughout 19th & early 20th century
Opinion of RCPI is sought on healthcare and related legislation by Westminster



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The Medical Career

EU frameworks allow for ...

Recognition of specialties
Recognition of degrees
Recognition of professional qualifications
Eligibility for registration
Preference for EU citizens ...

Still national responsibility

Any future divergence not within EU
framework

Impact on Ireland in particular...?

Undergraduate

Independent
practice

Clinical
Research
Education
Leadership



Healthcare Services

Opportunities for all-island or cross border services

Congenital Heart Disease Network

- Significant all-island model of clinical care
- Collaborations between Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin; The Mater Hospital Dublin; & The Royal Hospital Belfast
- The Board works under the direction of a Cross-Jurisdictional Group comprising Chief Medical Officers and senior health administrators from the Republic and Northern Ireland
- ***Eg. Paediatric Cardiology; North West Cancer Care***
- Service Regulators - standards
- Professional Registration & Regulation
- Medical Training
- Staff/Patient Movement
- General Data Protection Regulation – May 2018



Future development?

The Challenge

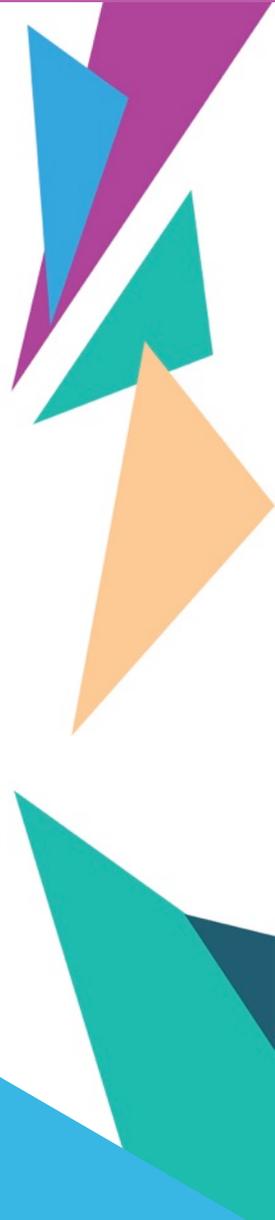


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An already challenged system

“Health Systems will bankrupt nations”

Dr Donald Berwick, Founder IHI

Population 2021

Chronic Disease

Cancer, heart disease, diabetes,
stroke, respiratory disease

Elder Population 2021

Obesity 2021

Alcohol Related Illness

Health Systems in Crisis

Patients on trolleys & w

Mismatch demand and

Ineffective governance

Recruitment & Retentio

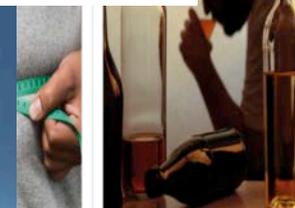
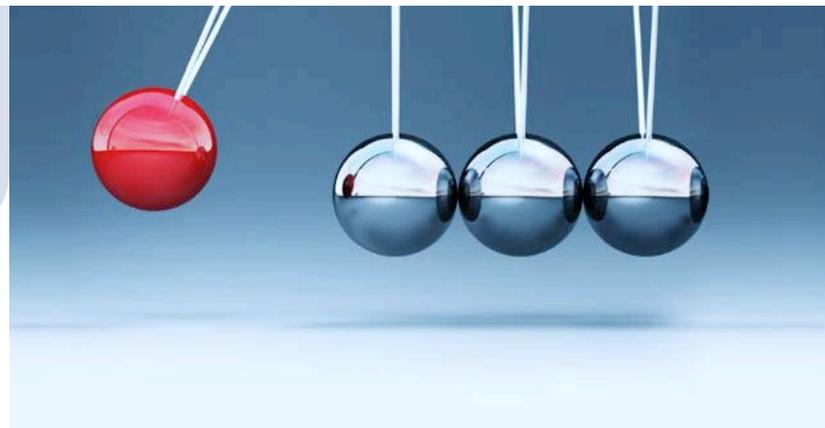
Economics

Crisis Management

BREXIT

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bed-days used
related
2012



Or opportunities...

Make the Irish health service an attractive and fulfilling place to work

- Pursue and protect the concept of looking at an island of Ireland approach to specialist and community care
- Continue to invest in Training, Research & Education – focus on recognition across jurisdictions
- Long term, multi-government, health system planning





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