

Policy Statement on European Cross Border Health Care

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

NHS funding for treatment in the European Economic Area (EEA)¹ 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 polices: <http://www.swindonccg.nhs.uk/policies>

A national Contact Point, the 'European team', has been established within NHS England's Leicestershire and Lincolnshire Area Team, to manage S2 and EU Directive applications, on behalf of the whole of England.

More information about the general eligibility criteria for NHS treatment in the European Economic Area and application form can be found on the NHS Choices website:

<http://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcareabroad/Pages/Healthcareabroad.aspx>

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¹ 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.