**BREXIT UPDATE JANUARY 2019**

**Preparing for EU exit - BEIS update:**

On 11th January BEIS [updated](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/preparing-for-eu-exit-beis-update) on the steps being taken to prepare for the UK leaving the EU and to ensure that businesses have the information they need to prepare.

**The Immigration White Paper:**  On 3rd January the LGiU produced a [briefing](https://www.lgiu.org.uk/briefing/the-immigration-white-paper/) which looks at the main issues in the government’s white paper on immigration.

**Immigration advisers to give EU settled status advice:**  On 1st February the OISC will be [opening](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dedicated-immigration-advisers-to-give-eu-settled-status-advice) a new registration scheme aimed at charities and NFP organisations that want to advise EU citizens on their applications for settlement in the UK.

**Contingency medical legislation:**  On 24th January the MHRA [published](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/contingency-legislation-covering-regulation-of-medicines-and-medical-devices-in-a-no-deal-scenario) legislation which, in the event of the UK leaving the EU with no agreement, will cover the regulation of medicines, medical devices and clinical trials.

**No deal arrangements for EU citizens:**  On 28th January, the Home Office and UKVI published [provisions](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-outlines-no-deal-arrangements-for-eu-citizens?utm_source=c8c35f32-63bf-4847-a716-ceba7ecf2d50&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate) for EU citizens coming to the UK after EU exit in the event of a no deal. EU citizens will be able to enter the UK to visit, work or study after 29 March 2019. For stays longer than 3 months, European Temporary Leave to Remain will be required, which is valid for a further 3 years. EU citizens wishing to stay for longer than 3 years will need to make a further application under the new skills-based future immigration system, which will begin from 2021. This policy does not apply to EU nationals in the UK before exit day, whose rights to live and work will be protected by the EU Settlement Scheme.

**Councils in England to receive funding to support Brexit preparations**

On 28th January the MHCLG [announced](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/councils-in-england-to-receive-over-50-million-to-support-brexit-preparations) that local authorities across England would receive a share of £56.5 million to help support their preparations for Brexit

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