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REF: XXX

Dear XXX,

I am writing to you regarding your recent [attendance/admission](#) to [Altnagelvin/South West Acute](#) Hospital on [XXX](#), as an EU, EEA or Swiss national. In order to confirm your entitlement to publicly funded healthcare, please advise which of the following categories applies to you and provide us with the relevant documents. You must also provide proof of your address.

1. EU, EEA or Swiss nationals and non EEA family members, resident in the UK on 31 December 2020

EU, EEA and Swiss nationals who were resident in the UK on 31 December 2020 should apply for the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) in order to live and work in Northern Ireland lawfully. It is free to apply. Successful applicants will be given settled or pre-settled status. When your application is granted you will receive an online status, when accessing your online status a '**share code**' will be generated. The Western Health & Social Care Trust can verify your **settled or pre-settled status** using this share code at www.gov.uk. The deadline for most people to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme was 30 June 2021, but this has been extended for those who meet the criteria for 'reasonable grounds' (please see notes on reasonable grounds enclosed). If you have made an application to the Home Office for EU settled status and are currently awaiting a decision, you should provide proof of your application.

All nationals will also be required to provide proof of residency and settled purpose in Northern Ireland, or satisfy an exemption under the Health and Personal Social Services Provision of Health Services to Persons Not Ordinarily Resident Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 as amended.

If you have not applied to the EUSS, it will be necessary for you to provide documentary proof which satisfies the Trust of your entitlement. This includes those who have or are exercising an EU Treaty Right for non EEA family members. Please contact us immediately to discuss your circumstances. Contact details can be found at the end of this letter.

2. EU, EEA or Swiss nationals and non EEA family members who arrived in the UK after 1 January 2021

EU, EEA or Swiss nationals who moved to the UK from the 1st of January 2021 must apply for either a Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) or be registered on the EUSS to remain in the UK for more than 6 months. You must provide your **valid Biometric Residency Permit (BRP) or proof of Settled Status** (These may be a card or Share Code) **and** proof of residency in Northern Ireland to access publicly funded healthcare.

3. EU, EEA or Swiss students coming to Northern Ireland on or after 1 January 2021 to study

EU, EEA or Swiss national students who move to Northern Ireland to study for more than 6 months must provide **Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS)** and your valid **Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) or proof of settled status as applicable. These may be a card or Share Code.**

Please return the enclosed form along with supporting documentation. If you have any queries please email us at Access.Healthcare@westerntrust.hscni.net or at the contact details on the bottom of this letter.

If none of the circumstances above apply to you and you are a visiting Northern Ireland for less than 6 months you should provide a copy of your European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Please send a copy of your EHIC to Access.Healthcare@westerntrust.hscni.net quoting the 'REF' number on the front of this letter. If you are visiting from Switzerland, Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein please provide a copy of your passport.

Yours sincerely

Access to Healthcare Team

Western Health & Social Care Trust

EU Settlement Scheme

'Reasonable grounds' for why you did not apply by the deadline

If you did not apply by 30 June 2021, or by the deadline for your circumstances if it's later, you may still be able to apply to the scheme. You will need to have 'reasonable grounds' for why you did not apply by the deadline.

There are many different reasons that can be included as reasonable grounds for not applying by the deadline.

There is not a complete list - if you have a reason not listed here, you can still apply and your reason will be considered.

Some reasonable grounds are, for example, if:

- you're a child, or applying for your child, and you did not know you needed to apply
- your parent, guardian or local authority did not apply for you when you were a child
- you have, or had, a medical condition which prevented you from applying
- you lacked the physical or mental capacity to apply
- you have care or support needs, or those caring for you were unaware of the deadline
- you've been the victim of modern slavery
- you've been in an abusive or controlling relationship
- you did not have internet access, or access to relevant documents
- you came to the UK on a work or study visa and became eligible to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme while you were here, but did not know you could apply
- you already have indefinite leave to enter or remain, and you did not know you could apply to the scheme
- you had permanent residence status or a residence document that stopped being valid after 30 June 2021, and you did not know you needed to apply to the scheme
- you had difficulty accessing support to apply because of coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions
- another compelling practical or compassionate reason prevented you applying

EU, EEA and Swiss Nationals and non EEA family members

REF:

Surname

Forename(s)

DOB

Nationality

Address in Northern Ireland

I confirm that the following circumstances apply to me:

1. I am an EU, EEA or Swiss national / non EEA family member, resident in the UK on 31 December 2020

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I am providing my Home Office share code, **or**

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Proof of application to the EUSS

If you would prefer to give your share code over the phone please call 02871 345171 ext. 213052 or 214436.

I have enclosed proof of my address in Northern Ireland, **and**

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I have enclosed proof of my settled purpose in Northern Ireland (if applicable), **or**

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I have enclosed my proof of a qualified person (if applicable), **or**

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I have enclosed proof of my non EEA family relationship (if applicable) , **or**

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I have enclosed proof of how I satisfy a visitor exemption (if applicable)

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2. I am an EU, EEA or Swiss national /non EEA family member who moved to the UK on or after 1 January 2021

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I have enclosed a copy of my Biometric Residence Permit, **or**

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I have enclosed proof of my EU Settled Status, **and**

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I have enclosed proof of my address in Northern Ireland, **and**

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I have enclosed proof of my settled purpose in Northern Ireland, **or**

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I have enclosed proof of satisfying a visitor exemption.

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3. I am an EU, EEA or Swiss student who moved to the UK on or after 1 January 2021

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I have enclosed a copy of my Biometric Residence Permit, **or**

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I have enclosed proof of my settled status in the UK, **and**

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I have enclosed Confirmation of my Acceptance for Studies (CAS) **in Northern Ireland**

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