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Dear European colleagues

UK exit from the European Union

I am writing to you following the UK's exit from the European Union (EU) last week.

I want to reassure you that despite the political developments, we remain committed to working closely with you to promote patient safety and to ensure that European doctors can continue to come to the UK to work.

I would like to confirm that:

- 1** The registration status of doctors from the EEA and Switzerland who already hold registration with the GMC has not been affected by EU exit and employment contracts will not need to be changed. That means that staff won't have to reapply for their current positions after exit day.
- 2** There will be no changes to the way that new applicants from the EEA are able to join the UK medical register during the transition period. The transition period is due to end on 31 December 2020.

The GMC and the healthcare systems across the UK value the contribution that doctors from the rest of Europe have made and are continuing to make towards care and treatment in this country.

Throughout the transition period, we will continue to share details of doctors who have been restricted or erased from practise in the UK with you via the EU's Internal Market Information (IMI) alert mechanism. We very much hope that you will continue to share the same information with us.

We look forward to continuing to work closely together, both on a bilateral basis and through the European networks of which we are members. We greatly value our collaboration and hope that this close working will continue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Massey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Charlie Massey