Brexit and what this means for UK medical regulation

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What we will cover

1. What might Brexit look like?
2. Operational implications for the GMC
3. UK political tensions
4. The GMC at European level
5. Next steps
What might Brexit look like?
EU law still applies in the UK
EEA applications
UK universities draw up plans for EU campuses ahead of Brexit

Higher education chiefs, struggling with uncertainty and challenges in regulation and funding, look to soften blow of EU exit

British universities are considering plans to open branches inside the European Union in an effort to soften the blow of Britain's exit, as they struggle to navigate new challenges in regulation and funding.
## Operational impact on GMC

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<td>Use of IMI to communicate with regulators?</td>
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<td>Length of primary medical qualification may change?</td>
<td>Bilateral relationships with EU member states?</td>
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<td>More EEA doctors with no prescribed connection for revalidation?</td>
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<td>Registration of Irish doctors?</td>
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Not an easy ride......
Tensions across the UK
Implications at European level

European Network of Medical Competent Authorities (ENMCA)

Healthcare Professionals Crossing Borders (HPCB)

European Council of Medical Orders (CEOM)
EU referendum – what’s next?

2017
- Article 50 triggered by end March 2017
- EU budget negotiations begin

2018
- Introduction of EPC for doctors?
- French & German elections

2019
- European Parliament elections
- Implementation of data protection regulation

2020
- Brexit?
GMC – preparation

- Established an internal GMC working group on EU withdrawal to
  - Scope impact and opportunities across all GMC functions
  - Identify our legislative priorities
  - Influence external developments to safeguard our statutory function to protect patient safety
  - Once we know what Brexit looks like, plan how to implement the new regime (incl. possible transitional arrangements) and mitigate any impact on the GMC
Brexit and the UK Medical Profession

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The British Medical Association

• Trade union and Professional association
• Apolitical
• Representing doctors and medical students across the UK – England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland – across all branches of medicine
• 167,000 + members
brexit
means
brexit
1. Mutual recognition of professional qualifications
2. Research and innovation
3. Cross-Border healthcare
Verhofstadt & Barnier as #Brexit bosses. Like turning up to divorce court to see your wife has hired 2 angry ex-girlfriends as her lawyers.
Any questions?