

European Union Withdrawal (Evaluation of Effects on Health and Social Care Sectors) Bill

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Make provision for an independent evaluation of the effects of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union on the health and social care sectors; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Duty to make arrangements for an independent evaluation

- (1) *The Secretary of State must make arrangements for an independent evaluation of the effects of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union on the United Kingdom health and social care sectors.*
- (2) The Secretary of State must appoint an independent person to undertake the evaluation ("the independent evaluator"). 5
- (3) In this section, "independent person" means a person who is independent of Her Majesty's Government.
- (4) Before making the appointment, the Secretary of State must consult— 10
 - (a) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (b) the Welsh Ministers, and
 - (c) the relevant Northern Ireland departments.

2 Independent evaluation and report

- (1) The evaluation undertaken under section 1 must include analysis and an assessment of the effects of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from European Union on— 15
 - (a) the sustainability of public funding for the health and social care sectors,
 - (b) the health and social care workforce,
 - (c) the efficiency and effectiveness of the health and social care sectors, and 20
 - (d) such other relevant matters as the independent evaluator sees fit.

- (2) In undertaking the evaluation, the independent evaluator must consult—
- (a) the Secretary of State,
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers,
 - (c) the Welsh Ministers,
 - (d) the relevant Northern Ireland departments, 5
 - (e) providers of health and social care services,
 - (f) persons in need of health and social care services,
 - (g) representatives of persons requiring health and social care services, and
 - (h) such other relevant persons as the independent evaluator sees fit.
- (3) The independent evaluator must prepare a report on the evaluation for the Secretary of State. 10
- (4) The Secretary of State must lay that report before Parliament no later than six months after this Act is passed.

3 Extent, commencement and short title

- (1) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 15
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the European Union Withdrawal (Evaluation of Effects on Health and Social Care Sectors) Act 2019.

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