

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-072	2 nd March 2023
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I am writing to request the following information about the S2 funding agreement with the EU/EEA/Switzerland.

The UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement, UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement and UK-Swiss Social Security Coordination Convention continue to give patients in the UK access to the S2 scheme, if they meet the criteria, in the European Union and Switzerland.

The deal gives reciprocal rights to access planned treatment in the UK for eligible residents of EU member states and Switzerland.

Please provide the following information:

The current S2 process only came into effect from 1st January 2021 following Brexit. Therefore, the Health Board can only provide information from this date as follows:

- 1. How many applications from UK patients for pre-planned treatment abroad have you approved in the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**
2021 - 0
2022 - 0
- 2. For patients requesting approval through the scheme, please provide the most frequently requested treatment type for each year: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**
2021 - Orthopaedic treatment
2022 - Orthopaedic treatment
- 3. How many EU/EEA/Swiss patients have you approved for pre-planned treatment at your health board under the S2 scheme in the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**
The Health Board have not received any requests.
- 4. For EU/EEA/Swiss patients requesting treatment at your board under the scheme, please provide the most frequently requested treatment type for each year: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**
Please refer to Q3.