

Dr Aldo Lupo
President
European Union of General Practitioners
Piazza Cola di Rienzo, 80/a
00192 Rome
Italy

24 June 2016

The BMA in Europe

Dear Dr Lupo,

I am writing to you in the aftermath of the UK's vote to leave the EU, to reaffirm our commitment to working with the UEMO (European Union of General Practitioners), and its members, to safeguard the future of the European medical profession and the patients that it serves.

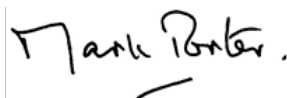
The vote to leave will result in a renegotiation of the UK's relationship with the EU, which the UK government has estimated may take up to a decade to conclude. We can only speculate on the final outcome.

It is not speculation, however, to state that EU legislation will continue to impact upon the UK's medical profession and NHS (National Health Service) until the UK eventually, if ever, completely withdraws from the EU's legal framework.

Our organisations have worked together successfully over the last few decades to shape such legislation and policy to reflect our members' interests. We see no reason for this to change and very much hope that it will not do so.

The coming months and years will be an exceptionally challenging period. We are confident that, with your ongoing support, we can overcome such challenges and ensure that neither our profession, nor the patients we serve, are threatened in these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



Dr Mark Porter
BMA Chair of Council

Chief executive: Keith Ward

Registered as a Company limited by Guarantee. Registered No. 8848 England.
Registered office: BMA House, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9JP.
Listed as a Trade Union under the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974.