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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Question, further to my BBC Wales interview on Sunday 12 September 2021, asking me to provide the figures for the number of eastern Europeans I mentioned were working in the social care sector in Wales but have left since Brexit.

Ahead of the UK leaving the EU, the Welsh Government commissioned Ipsos MORI to examine the composition of the social care and childcare workforce in Wales. The report, published in March 2019, found that an estimated 6.4% of staff within registered social care settings and 4.5% of staff within registered childcare services in Wales are non-UK EU nationals. Based on confidence intervals for these estimates this equates to around 2,060 to 3,730 social care workers, and between approximately 410 and 1,100 childcare workers¹. The data is not subdivided such that the number of eastern Europeans working in the social care sector can be identified, however we have regular discussions with social care stakeholders including provider representatives about a range of issues, including the challenges around the workforce.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2019-03/implications-brexit-social-care-and-childcare-workforce-summary.pdf>

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