Sarah Wollaston Chair, Health Committee, Chair, Liaison Committee (Commons)

Will the Prime Minister join me in thanking all the wonderful staff from across the European Union who work in our NHS and social care? Will she give them her personal, unequivocal assurance that they and their families will have the right to remain after Britain leaves the European Union?

Theresa May The Prime Minister, Leader of the Conservative Party

I am very happy to join my hon. Friend in thanking all who work in our NHS and social care sector, including those from across the European Union. They do incredible work, and it is absolutely right that we recognise the contribution that EU nationals make in this sector but also across our economy and our society. That is why we want people to be able to stay and we want families to be able to stay together. I am very pleased that the arrangements that were published in the joint progress report between the United Kingdom and the European Union last Friday show very clearly, on citizens' rights, that where people have made the life choice to be here in the United Kingdom, we will support them and enable them to carry on living their lives as before.

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