

**Cross Border Healthcare in the EU
Information seminar on the Directive and its impact on healthcare in Scotland**

The European Commission Directive on cross border healthcare was launched in July of this year and will soon be voted on in the European Parliament. The Directive makes clear the conditions under which patients can travel abroad for treatment and have the cost of their healthcare reimbursed by the NHS. This initiative raises many questions relating to delivery of healthcare services, comparability of health systems, upfront payments, patient safety, long term care and administrative burden.

Scotland Europa is hosting an information seminar to help clarify the Directive and its implications. This seminar will explain what the Directive covers and how it will impact on Scotland. We invite Scottish health, patient and professional organisations as well as universities to attend and contribute to the debate.

The event coincides with the Scottish Government consultation on the EU cross border healthcare Directive.

AGENDA

**Tuesday 18th November 2008, 10.00-12.00
GMC Scotland, The Tun, 4 Jackson's Entry, Edinburgh EH8 8PJ**

- 10.00 Registration and coffee**
- 10.25 Welcome from the Chair**
Ray Perman, Scotland Europa
- 10.30 Outline of the Directive**
Martin Dorazil, DG SANCO, European Commission
- 10.50 What might this mean for Scotland?**
Andrew McLeod, the Scottish Government
- 11.00 What are the key issues to consider?**
David Price, the University of Edinburgh
- 11.10 Views in brief from selected Scottish stakeholders**
Including Claire Herbert, General Medical Council and
Elizabeth Macdonald, Consumer Focus
- 11.30 Discussion**

Sandwich lunch

For further information, see the Scottish Government consultation on cross border healthcare which includes the Commission Directive:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/10/15082114/0>

To register or for further details on this event, contact helen.frew@scotent.co.uk