

Presentation from Cristina Carletti of International Organisation for Migration

All EU, EEA (Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway), Swiss citizens must apply for settlement if not;

- * Born in the UK
- * Have Permanent Residency

This must be completed by December 2020 regardless of any BREXIT outcomes if they wish to remain in the UK.

- Residents of more than 5 years apply for settled status.
- Residents of less than 5 years apply for pre settled status.

Applications are online and applicants can re-apply as many times as they wish if refused. There is currently no appeals process.

The purpose of the meeting is to maximise the reach and effectiveness of the International Organisation for Migration supporting vulnerable adults, children and families in their applications. As an example, freedom of movement has been around for 40 years, an older person, with dementia in a care home may require this support. It is anticipated support will reach **12,000** vulnerable people. There is translation support available.

Lorraine Cook of COSLA's migration and population team has been engaging with local authorities on these issues. The resource for support is limited as there is only Cristina for the whole of Scotland. There needs to be a clear message about applications and awareness raised to encourage people to apply now. This would avoid an unnecessary rush and possible backlog in December 2020. There is an ***'estimated' 7000 EU nationals living in Ayrshire.***

Currently any digital support must be sourced through the 'We are digital' service who will then refer applicants on to local support. Local Support in Ayrshire is:

- East Ayrshire - Registry Office in Cumnock
- ***North Ayrshire – Libraries at Ardrossan and Largs***
- South Ayrshire – Carnegie Library and Marr at Troon

Clear messages need to be disseminated through as many channels as possible to inform any vulnerable people and get them the support they need. This could be through, businesses, forums, localities, libraries, groups and organisations or health and social care agencies. A task group will be set up by Local Authorities and COSLA will go back to the Scottish Government around provision of national information. Rhona Arthur (North Ayrshire Council) will be involved with further developments in North Ayrshire.