

## Cross-border healthcare

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In an ever closer European Union:

healthcare providers are providing services in another Member State on a permanent or temporary basis (professional mobility)

patients are moving to a healthcare provider in another Member State for treatment (patient mobility)

This activity is known as "cross-border healthcare" and the EU is increasingly legislating in this area in order to increase freedom of movement and protect patients.

EU Directive 2005/36/EC on the recognition of professional qualifications makes it easier for qualified professionals, such as osteopaths, to practise in European countries other than their own. For a briefing on this directive, click on the following link: **Implementation of EU Directive on Recognition of Professional Qualifications**

The European Commission has also launched a draft proposal clarifying the rights of patients seeking healthcare in other Member States. For further information, see: <http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/08/1080&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

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