

An open letter to all EU citizens living in South Gloucestershire



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Dear South Gloucestershire resident,

I am writing to encourage you and your family to apply for the **EU Settlement Scheme**, if you have not already done so.

South Gloucestershire Council recognises the huge contribution you make to our communities. You are our family, our friends, our colleagues and our neighbours. We wish to ensure that you are aware of the scheme and how to secure the status that will allow you to continue to live and work in the UK.

What is the EU Settlement Scheme?

The EU Settlement Scheme is administered by the Home Office, and enables EU, EEA and Swiss citizens resident in the UK, and their family members, to obtain the status that they will require in order to live and work in the UK after 30 June 2021, the end of the transition period.

How to apply?

Applications for the scheme are made online at the government website - GOV.UK Whilst you have until June 2021 to apply, we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

We recognise that not everyone is able to access services online. If you need help and support applying, our customer care staff will be pleased to help you. Please visit one of our One Stop Shop offices at:

- Kingswood – Civic Centre, High street, Kingswood, BS15 9TR
- Patchway – Patchway Hub, Rodway Road, BS34 5PE
- Yate – Kennedy way, Yate, BS37 4DQ

Further support

You will also find further support regarding the scheme on the GOV.UK website, as well as a postcode check service that lists organisations in the local area that can help and support you.

The Citizens Advice national website also contains information to help and support your application.

Finally, please share this letter with family, friends and colleagues who may need to know about the scheme. If you need this information in another format or language, please contact 01454 868009.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Toby Savage'.

Cllr Toby Savage
Leader of South Gloucestershire Council