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Dear Monique,

Thank you for your letter of 27 January on behalf of the Safeguarding User Group regarding the Home Office plans to begin curtailing pre-settled status where a person no longer meets the requirements of Appendix EU due to a break in their continuity of residence. I have also addressed an outstanding question raised in your 2 December letter (sent jointly with Zoe Bantleman of the ILPA) regarding EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) family permits. I am sorry for the delayed response.

### EUSS family permit

Finally, in your joint correspondence with ILPA dated 2 December, you asked how joining family members with a pending valid EUSS application could travel to and from the UK if their six-month EUSS family permit had already expired.

Where a non-visa national has a pending valid EUSS application, the carrier should automatically receive confirmation that they have permission to travel based on their pending EUSS application provided they are travelling on the same travel document used to make their EUSS application. Border Force may ask joining family members to show they have either a valid or expired EUSS family permit linked to the same EEA citizen sponsor. There is no need to re-apply for an EUSS family permit.

Where a visa national has a pending valid EUSS application and their EUSS family permit has expired, they will not have permission to travel without a visa or visa exemption document and are likely to be prevented from boarding. Such applicants can apply free of charge from overseas for an EUSS family permit, which will be considered on an accelerated process, but based on application date. As such, we would advise that visa nationals await their EUSS decision rather than travel.

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