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Dear Mr Blessing,

Thank you for your email of 18 August to the Department of Health about proof of entitlement to NHS services.

The NHS is regarded as first and foremost for the benefit of people living in this country. Entitlement to free GP treatment, NHS hospital treatment and subsidised dental treatment is based on residence in the UK, not on nationality, citizenship status, the payment of taxes or contributions to an insurance scheme. An individual is never regarded as being 'insured with the NHS'.

Therefore, if you were living in the UK, you were entitled to free NHS primary care once you registered with a GP. Now that you have left the UK, you are no longer eligible for NHS treatment. However, the Department of Health cannot provide proof of your previous entitlement to NHS services, as it does not have access to information about your residence. Therefore, I suggest that you show this email to your prospective German health insurance provider, possibly supporting this with any documents you have that could confirm that you lived in the UK. This could be copies of your mortgage or rental agreement, or documents relating to UK utility companies, such as those who were supplying gas, electricity, water or a telephone landline.

As there never was any insurance cover, the Department of Health cannot issue a form E104. 'E' forms are gradually being phased out within the European Union and replaced with a simplified alternative. If your insurance fund insists on an E104 form, you will need to contact HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC). Please contact the Charities, Assets and Residence section of HMRC with your request. The contact details are as follows:

HMRC
Charity, Assets and Residence
Room BP1301
Benton View Park
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
NE98 1ZZ

Tel: [0044 191 203 7010](tel:00441912037010) (open from 8.00 am to 5.00 pm UK time, Monday to Friday).

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Hall
Ministerial Correspondence and Public Enquiries
Department of Health

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