



## **ABHI's statement on UK's decision to leave the European Union**

The [Referendum vote to leave the European Union](#) means the UK enters a period of considerable uncertainty. In our member survey ahead of the Referendum it was this uncertainty, coupled with currency instability and investment risk that were identified as key concerns of an exit.

Complex negotiations and decisions lie ahead with significant implications for our industry, and also for the NHS. Through this transition, ABHI will focus on representing the best interests of our members and our sector.

The ABHI team's expertise in regulatory, government/NHS policy and international trade will be deployed to focus on industry needs as we adjust to a different business environment in the coming years.

We are well placed to work with our partners in government, regulatory, the NHS and other crucial areas so that medtech industry needs are addressed.

Peter Ellingworth, ABHI's Chief Executive said, "Over the coming months the UK will begin the process of agreeing the basis of a new relationship with EU partners. Complex negotiations and decisions lie ahead. It will mean a period of considerable uncertainty and we will work with our members and partners to support the medtech industry through the transition."

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### **About ABHI**

The Association of British Healthcare Industries (ABHI) is the industry association for the medical technology sector in the UK. ABHI's mission is to champion the benefits and use of safe and effective medical technologies to deliver high quality patient outcomes. With over 250 members, ABHI leads the advocacy of the industry in order to advance access to medical technology. Our membership includes some of the leading multinational businesses in the sector in the UK right the way through to small and medium sized enterprises. For further information, visit the ABHI website ([www.abhi.org.uk](http://www.abhi.org.uk)).