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Information request

I believe that the UK makes a payment monthly/annually to EU governments where UK expatriates have taken up residency.

Please can you advise whether this is true, and what the payment is to the Cyprus government for British Expatriates who have taken up residency in the Republic of Cyprus.

DWP response

The UK makes an annual payment to Cyprus in respect of British pensioners resident in Cyprus who hold a registered UK issued S1 form. To establish S1 entitlement the customer must be in receipt of a UK State Pension or benefit. The S1 allows the individual to receive healthcare in Cyprus to the equivalent of a Cypriot resident.

The latest costs for Cyprus were published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) on 25/02/2012 for the calendar year of 2009. Pensioner S1 cost per month is €74.56.

The annual payment is calculated in months using the dates of the registered S1 for that period.