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Dear Mrs Clarke,

Re: **PUBLICATION OF CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT: ASSESSMENT THRESHOLDS AND CONSULTATION.**

In response to the above public consultation I would appreciate if you consider our recommendation that information relating to the processing of cross border claims for the new benefit will be clearly outlined in policy documents and working guidelines for the relevant staff responsible for processing claims.

According to EU regulations the social security rights of cross border workers mainly depends on their country of last insured employment and not of residence. Therefore specific consideration should be given to:

- Claims from cross border workers, living North and working South
- Claims from cross border workers, living South and working North
- Claims from Northern Ireland residents moving South across the border
- Claims from Southern residents moving into Northern Ireland

If you need any further information or clarification on any point please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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