

**Question for written answer P-002335/2018  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Alfie Evans - free movement of patients within the EU

Alfie Evans is an English boy and – since 25 April 2018 – an Italian citizen suffering from a degenerative neurological condition, for which he is being treated at Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool. The British High Court has denied him the right to receive care and medical treatment in another EU Member State, as his parents are calling for.

Although the court has ruled that ventilation should be withdrawn, Alfie is still alive, and two Italian hospitals have offered to bring him to Italy and treat and assist him and his parents.

1. Does not the Commission consider that the British court ruling violates EU fundamental rights and in particular Article 3(2) and (3) TEU, in which the EU is called upon to offer its citizens 'an area of freedom, security and justice without internal frontiers' and to protect the rights of the child, Article 24 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, whereby children's rights have to be protected, and Article 20 TFEU, on citizenship and free movement, which has found practical expression in Directive 2011/24/EU on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare?
2. Will it refer the ruling, as a matter of urgency, to the EU Court of Justice?