

Medicines and Vaccines Stockpiling

- The Secretary of State has announced a need to 'supplement' his original [call](#) for six weeks' worth of stockpiling – he has written to pharmaceutical companies regarding preparations for no deal
- UK Health and Social Care Providers (Hospitals, GPs etc.) are urged to not stockpile medicines
- Public Health England are leading a separate programme to ensure the supply of vaccines to the UK National Immunisation Programme

Medical Devices and Clinical Consumables

- The DHSC is developing so-called 'national plans' to ensure the continued movement of medical devices and clinical consumables that are supplied directly from the EU to NHS organisations. Together with industry and trade associations, the DHSC have established a working group to test contingency plans
- Further to the DHSC's [October announcement](#) that they would stockpile these products, today it was announced that NHS Supply Chain are contracting third-party suppliers who routinely supply from the EU
- All institutions that source medical devices and clinical consumables are encouraged to review their own supply chains
- UK Health and Social Care Providers (Hospitals, GPS etc.) are urged to not stockpile medical devices

Blood and other products of human origin

- DHSC officials will continue to engage with the health and care sector and industry bodies to prepare for any possible disruptions to the supply of blood and blood components
- NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) is leading the contingency planning work to ensure the safe supply of blood and blood components after Brexit
- NHSBT officials are working with the regulator for organs, the Human Tissue Authority, to ensure that appropriate written agreements are in place with EU organisations to allow organ exchange to continue after 29 March 2019

Research and clinical trials

- The DHSC encourages all organisations running clinical trials or clinical investigations in the UK to liaise with trial and study sponsors to understand their arrangements for ensuring the continuity of supply chains for clinical trials of IMPs and medical devices which come from, or via, the EU or EEA are guaranteed in the event of border delays.

Workforce

- The DHSC reassures EU nationals that they have a secure future in the UK, regardless of whether we leave the EU with or without a deal
- The letter encourages NHS employers to promote the EU settlement scheme to their EU national staff