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Dear Colleagues,

TECHNICAL UPDATE ON THE SUPPLY OF MEDICINES AND MEDICAL PRODUCTS AS THE UK LEAVES THE EU

Further to the [letter](#) of 21 December 2018 from the Permanent Secretary, I am writing to update you on work to ensure the continuity of supply of medicines and medical products in the event the UK leaves the EU with no deal.

Leaving the EU with a deal remains the Government's top priority. However, the Government must plan for every possible outcome including no deal. Yesterday, I made a written ministerial statement to Parliament on our plans for ensuring continuous supplies. The text of the statement is set out here

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2019-02-25/HCWS1358/>.

I hope that you find this update useful and I thank you for everything you are doing to ensure that your component of the health and care system is ready for this eventuality. Please continue to look to Keith Willett's regular bulletins for further information over the coming weeks.

With all best wishes

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