

## Freedom of Information request 438-19

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### Request

1. Details of drugs being stockpiled in preparation for No Deal exit
2. Details of drugs which cannot be stockpiled in preparation for no Deal exit
3. Provisions for supply of insulin to diabetic children and adults in the event of No Deal Exit
4. Any assessment of mortality rate implications for diabetic children and adults in the event of No Deal exit.

### Response

1. NHS Borders are not stockpiling medicines, as per UK Government guidelines:

“Contingency arrangements for the supply of medicines is being co-ordinated at UK level and the UK Government issued statements at the end of June outlining contingency planning is restarting for the 31st October possible Brexit date.

Ministerial Written Statement

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2019-06-26/HCWS1661/>

Letter to Suppliers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/medicines-and-medical-products-continuity-of-supply-update> ”

2. Not applicable.
3. This will be managed in the same way as any other drug shortage. Community Pharmacy Scotland have advice here (scenario 2 on p4) and local advice embedded here:



Medicine Out of  
Stock Guidance.pdf

4. NHS Borders has not conducted any assessments of mortality rate implications for diabetic children and adults in the event of a No Deal exit. Therefore there is no data held.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number 438-19 on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for

correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.