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Dear Rachael Venables,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

Ministers admitted on Tuesday 24th July that the UK would be making preparations to ensure an adequate supply of food, medicines and even blood in the event of a no-deal Brexit.

Can you provide me with a full copy of your guidance and preparations for this stockpiling plan? Including, but not limited to:

- Any guidance on what items to store, or lists of products specifically you wish to purchase.
 - The locations you have planned for storing these goods, how much has been spent on vacating or purchasing these spaces.
 - Estimations of how long your planned supplies will last.
 - Estimations of how much this policy will cost.
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I can confirm the information you have requested is not held by the Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU).

The Government does not have any plans to stockpile food. The UK has a high degree of food security with access to a diverse range of sources of food supply, including domestic production. This will continue to be the case after we leave the EU. The Government is committed to securing the best deal for the food, fishery and farming sectors, whilst ensuring that consumers continue to have a wide range of choice of high quality food products at affordable prices.

The Department of Health and Social Care has published information relating to 'no deal' Brexit scenario and the potential impact on the supply of medicines, and you may wish

to contact them for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dhsc-publishes-brexit-guidance-for-pharmaceutical-industry-and-suppliers-of-medical-devices>

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Yours sincerely,
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