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Dear Mr Kesterton,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

During the minister's announcement today, he mentioned that a 3 month supply of 200 medicines will be available from the "Emergency Medicines Buffer Stock Scheme" in the event of a no-deal exit from the European Union.

Can you please advise which medicines are stockpiled through this scheme, and how the scheme selects the medication for which a buffer stock is maintained.

I can confirm the information you have requested is not held by the Department for Exiting the European Union (DExEU).

The Emergency Medicines Buffer Stock Scheme is an existing national scheme, which is not related to our exit from the EU. This scheme was mentioned in the announcement as an example of the fact that the UK Government already has experience of work to ensure that stocks of medicines are available.

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 on this and the Emergency Medicines Buffer Stock Scheme.

<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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