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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Thank you for your response of 19 June to the Committee's report on The impact of leaving the European Union on health and social care in Scotland. Having considered the letter alongside developments over the intervening period the Committee would be grateful for an update on the current position as the UK moves towards exit date.

In particular the Committee would welcome detail in relation to proposals and plans relating to the safeguarding of the supply of medicines post Brexit. The position of the UK government in their response to the Health and Social Care Committee of the House of Commons indicating contingency plans will not be published having been noted. However, the Committee would also welcome detail on the extent to which your officials are working with the Department of Health in this respect.

Similar concerns around the maintenance of supply exist in relation to medical devices, such as supplies associated with insulin pumps, and the Committee would welcome detail of the preparations being put in place by the Scottish Government. As part of the response it would be helpful if you would provide a progress report on the Medical Devices Strategy for the NHS as covered in the report on Technology and Innovation prepared by the Committee.

The Committee would welcome your response to this letter by 05 October.

Yours sincerely

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