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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to No Deal Brexit planning.

You asked:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding how your NHS Trust rates its preparedness for No Deal Brexit on October 31st 2019.

What are the traffic light ratings (green/ orange/ red), or rating system of your preference, for your current preparedness for a No Deal Brexit for the following areas, previously identified by NHS Providers as key considerations for NHS Trusts:

- *Supply of medicines and devices*
- *Other supplies of goods and services*
- *Workforce*
- *Research and development*
- *Funding and macroeconomic impacts*
- *Regulation (e.g. around UK-wide arrangements to replace the functions of EU agencies)*
- *Public health (e.g. in relation to early warning systems for medicines safety)*
- *Drugs pipeline (e.g. slower approvals for the UK market compared to the EU)”*

Trust response:

The Trust has not yet done a traffic light assessment as we are waiting for further national guidance before carrying out this piece of work.

However, the Trust can confirm:

- The Trust is not stock piling and has received assurances from our suppliers that the service will not be interrupted.

- The Trust has issued advice regarding the Settled Status applications and is funding any requests made by its employees.
- The Trust follows Government guidelines.
- The Government has guaranteed funding committed to UK organisations for certain EU funded projects in the event of a 'no deal' scenario. This includes the payment of awards where UK organisations successfully bid directly to the EU while we remain in the EU, and the payment of awards where UK organisations are able to successfully bid to participate as a third country after EU Exit, until the end of 2020.
- The Trust has taken steps to be GDPR compliant.