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## RE PQ 45011/20

### Question

To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent annually on medical devices and products that are purchased from the UK; if arrangements are in place to continue to purchase such items and products; if his attention has been drawn to potential issues with such purchases that may arise due to Brexit; the consequences of these impacts for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Martin Browne

### Response

Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE have issued numerous communications with managers and buyers throughout the country on dealing with UK suppliers. We are very aware of the impact of Brexit and ensured that all steps were taken to mitigate any risk to the supply chain.

See attached as an example of communication on dealing with UK Suppliers.

We would not be able to break down our expenditure for "medical devices and products" that are purchased from the UK or by any other country from our finance systems. Unfortunately the term "products" is too wide ranging and any type of expenditure could be classified under that.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via [ohop@hse.ie](mailto:ohop@hse.ie).

Yours sincerely,

