

## **EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance for the health and care system**

**Prescribing tip for information only**

On 21<sup>st</sup> Dec practices received a letter and [guidance](#) from the Department of Health and Social care entitled

**“EU Exit Operational Readiness Guidance for the health and care system”**

**This tip is being issued to highlight a number of key pieces of guidance and information from this document.**

- **The Government recognises the vital importance of medicines and vaccines, and has developed a UK-wide contingency plan to ensure the flow of these products into the UK in a ‘no deal’ scenario.**
- **UK health providers – including hospitals, care homes, GPs and community pharmacies – should not stockpile additional medicines beyond their business as usual stock levels. There is also no need for clinicians to write longer NHS prescriptions and the public should be discouraged from stockpiling.**

### **Useful resources**

- The Medicines Optimisation Team issues the ‘Prescribing Tip extra’ on a monthly basis. This document includes key information about current drug shortages. If you wish to speak to a pharmacist for advice regarding alternative medication please contact a member of the team on 01772-214302.
- The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) has produced a useful [briefing document](#) for pharmacy contractors.
- A [leaflet](#) has been produced by the PSNC to explain to patients why they may be experiencing difficulties in obtaining stock.

**To contact the Medicines Optimisation Team please phone 01772 214302**