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Q1 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 (eg. around UK-wide arrangements to replace the functions of EU agencies)
- Public health (eg. in relation to early warning systems for medicines safety)
- Drugs pipeline (eg. slower approvals for the UK market compared to the EU)”

A1 We have been contingency planning for the possibility of a no-deal EU Exit since summer 2018.

We have assessed our risk in all of the areas/workstreams identified by the Dept. of Health in their guidance to Trusts. We have been working closely with national agencies and our own suppliers, where these are not covered by national arrangements.

Based upon our own risk assessments, knowledge of our own workforce/recruitment statistics and the national contingency plans in place for the supply of clinical and non-clinical supplies for the NHS, we have assessed the immediate risk to the delivery of patient services to this trust as “low” in all areas mentioned below, with the exception of Funding and Macroeconomic Impacts. We are not in a position to assess this metric.

We continue to review our risk assessments and contingency plans as the UK’s Exit from the EU approaches on 31st October.