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Dear Glens,

During the debate on the Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Regulations 2018 and Draft Human Tissue (Quality and Safety for Human Application) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 on Tuesday 27 February, you asked what will happen to these regulations after EU Exit, what discussions are taking place and their timescale. I am sorry that I was unable to respond to you at the time and I promised to write to you.

Tissue and cell transplantation are important forms of treatment and the Government will be discussing with the EU how best to continue cooperation in this area, including the sharing of knowledge and expertise, as negotiations on the future relationship progress.

Planning is ongoing so the Government can make the necessary changes to national regulations to maintain day one operability for the import and export of tissue and cells under any EU exit scenario.

I hope you find this letter helpful. I will also place a copy in the House library.

*With best wishes
Baroness*

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