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*From Rt. Hon Victoria Atkins MP
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Dear Steve,

I am writing to inform you that DHSC has made a further donation of surplus medical supplies to Ukraine. This was in response to a request from Ukraine's Health Minister, Viktor Liashko, who wrote to me regarding urgently needed equipment for healthcare facilities in Ukraine.

This latest donation amounts to £2 million worth of surplus supplies, including ventilators, oxygen concentrators, pumps and monitors to support vital medical care needs, which will support up to 60 intensive care beds. This adds to previous donations of over 11 million items of medical supplies, including ambulances, wound care packs, PPE, respirators and over 4.2 million doses of medicines. These included painkillers and antibiotics that are critical for treating infections caused by battlefield trauma and limited hygiene facilities.

I was also honoured to meet Ukraine's First Lady recently to discuss her key priorities for Ukrainians, including mental health. She thanked the UK for our ongoing support of Ukraine's healthcare system. Following our meeting, she visited Newham Mental Health Centre, to learn about the UK's approach to mental health care and we have identified several areas where the UK and Ukraine can both benefit from further sharing of expertise.

I am very proud to continue our support of Ukraine in any way we can including in ways that make the best use of surplus stockpiles.

Yours ever,

**RT HON VICTORIA ATKINS MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**