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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 26 July regarding the current disruption of total parenteral nutrition supplies.

I was sorry to read about this situation and appreciate that this is a worrying and uncertain time for all patients affected by the supply disruption. There is currently a UK-wide issue with a provider of home parenteral nutrition following a routine inspection of their manufacturing site by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA). The MHRA inspection resulted in a requirement for the provider (Calea) to make some immediate and essential changes to its manufacturing process to ensure that the quality of the products it produces continue to be of the expected standard. The changes mean Calea is operating at a reduced capacity. The MHRA is monitoring Calea very closely and working with the company to agree an appropriate means of increasing capacity whilst adhering to Good Manufacturing Practice. However, whilst Calea were required to make changes to their manufacturing process, there are no concerns regarding the quality and safety of their products already on the market.

My officials are working with the MHRA, the NHS, other UK agencies and clinical experts to put in place measures that minimise disruption of parenteral nutrition supply for all patients. This will include the supply of parenteral nutrition from local hospitals for some patients. I understand that the University Hospital of Wales has attempted to contact all affected patients to discuss the treatment options.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

**Vaughan Gething AC/AM**  
**Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol**  
**Minister for Health and Social Services**