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Carolyn Wheatley
Chair PINNT

Dear Carolyn,

I am writing on behalf of the British Specialist Nutrition Association (BSNA) regarding the ongoing disruption to global supply chains and the availability of raw materials and ingredients.

You will be aware that across the world, the challenges caused by the war in Ukraine and the demand rebound driven by COVID-19 have raised pressure on the global supply chain environment.

We fully recognise the concerns of patients and healthcare professionals (HCPs) concerning supplies of medical foods and ancillary products and know that there are many shortages across the healthcare system at this current time. I would like to reassure you that all BSNA members are doing everything possible to mitigate the impact of these challenges. This includes focusing effort on increasing supply where HCPs have identified supply constraints.

These issues are affecting our members in different ways, and while there is a good supply on certain brands, we know that the impact is being felt right across all healthcare and pharmaceutical companies, with 83% of pharmacies reporting a significant increase in medicine supply issues.

Our members are committed to updating stakeholders where supplies are disrupted to ensure issues can be mitigated, remaining mindful of the concern that even the thought of a shortage of these types of products can cause in patients and healthcare professionals.

We are contacting you today because we need our stakeholders to understand the context in which members are operating. Should any challenges with the supply of any of our members' products be flagged to you, please discuss directly with the company concerned. In addition, BSNA will seek a meeting with the representative organisations concerned.

Yours sincerely,



Declan O' Brien
Director General