

**The Rt Hon. Elizabeth Truss MP**

Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs  
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**URGENT: Sent via email**

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Dear Secretary of State,

**Urgent call for critical medical supplies in the Ukraine**

The BMA (British Medical Association) is deeply concerned about the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. As the situation worsens, I am writing to urge you to ensure that the Government is taking all necessary steps to support the delivery of essential medical and humanitarian supplies the country so desperately needs.

The BMA has received an urgent call from the Ukrainian Medical Association (UMA), via the World Medical Association, for supplies of all essential medical supplies in Ukraine, but specifically at this time:

- Dressing material (bandages; sterile kits; cotton wool; adhesive plaster, elastic bandages)
- Antiseptics - chlorhexidine, alcohol, iodine, betadine
- Painkillers, analgesics, anti-inflammatory drugs and solutions
- Syringes
- Antibiotics
- For infusion therapy, blood substitutes
- Drugs for the treatment of cardiovascular diseases, antihypertensives
- Antiviral drugs
- Antispasmodic drugs and solutions

The significant shortage of medical supplies will only increase with the expectation of even further casualties.

Whilst we welcome the Government's [announcement](#) of further humanitarian aid to Ukraine, which will include support accessing basic necessities and medical supplies, we would ask that the Government ensure that these supplies include the above items as requested by the UMA.

**Chief executive officer:** Tom Grinyer



As the crisis deepens and casualties increase, it is vital we do all we can to address these reported shortages and ensure essential and life-saving medical supplies reach the people who need them as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'DW', is positioned below the closing 'Yours sincerely,'.

**Dr David Wrigley**  
Deputy Chair of BMA Council

**CC. The Rt Hon. Sajid Javid MP, Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Care; Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England**