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Dear business leader

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The NHS is doing all it can to prepare for the next phase of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is a key factor in limiting the spread of this disease. It is also vital to enable NHS staff to care for patients.

The World Health Organisation has identified that the current global stockpile of PPE is insufficient, particularly for medical masks and respirators; the supply of gloves, gowns and goggles is soon expected to be insufficient also.

The NHS supply chain has been providing PPE and is increasing its capacity. But as you may have seen or read, demand is currently outstripping supply.

At the same time piles of commercial PPE stocks lay idle within organisations or businesses that are currently temporarily closed due to the outbreak.

This is equipment that NHS and care organisations in Devon could be using to bolster the national supplies.

As a short-term measure we are therefore asking local business and organisations in Devon to help with the supply of:

- Disposable plastic aprons
- Disposable examination gloves (all sizes) latex or nitrile if possible
- Face masks (like surgical masks or FFP3 respiratory masks)
- Eye protection / goggles
- Face visors
- Alcohol-based hand sanitisers
- Liquid soap
- Medical style disinfectant wipes
- Paper hand towels

cont.



We of course appreciate donations but will be putting in place arrangements for reasonable reimbursement as required.

If you are not sure your equipment is of the right grade, please get in touch and we can provide advice.

If you have any of the above products and are willing to share them with NHS and care organisations across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay please contact:

- **Email:** d-ccq.covid19PPE@nhs.net
- **Phone:** **01803 396399** in the first instance, or **01392 675384** or **01392 675341**

