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Personal protective equipment items issued: up to 20 September 2020

Management information update on personal protective equipment (PPE) items issued during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic up to 20 September 2020.

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1. National headline figures

These statistics show the latest number of PPE items which have been issued to the health and social care system in Wales.

Main results

- Since 9 March 2020, the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) has issued 342.3 million items of PPE to the health and social care sectors in Wales. Around 167 million of these were issued to the social care sector.
- In the seven days to Sunday 20 September 2020 13.4 million items were issued.

Table 1: Number of PPE items issued, up to 20 September 2020

Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 20 September 2020
Aprons	65,591,900	2,761,750
Body bags	8,321	70

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Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 20 September 2020
Eye protector	1,606,128	800
Type I and Type II masks	675,150	60,850
Type IIR masks	88,689,379	2,779,680
FFP2 masks	101,090	500
FFP3 masks	1,905,176	76,750
Face visors	2,571,767	74,925
Fit test kits and spares	5,035	14
Gloves	174,325,900	7,470,200
Gloves cuff	1,070,150	11,850
Gowns (fluid-resistant)	1,153,793	23,349
Gowns (other)	328,660	8,845
Hand sanitiser	233,476	7,535
Hand wipes	4,012,050	110,550
Respirator filters	22,176	0
Respirator hoods	100	0

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Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 20 September 2020
Total	342,300,251	13,387,668

Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

The reporting of PPE items issued is based on individual units, except for:

- gloves where a unit is reported based on the unit size of a pack
- hand sanitiser where the unit is a bottle regardless of size

Please note: This data is subject to revisions and previous publications are not revised. The latest figures are the most up to date and cumulative figures will include any historical revisions.

2. Quality and methodology information

This data is management information provided to the Welsh Government by the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP). NWSSP procures and distributes PPE for the health and social care sectors in Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government. We are publishing this to provide a weekly summary of PPE items issued while it remains relevant to the response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This data has not undergone the same level of quality assurance as official statistics and the data may be subject to future revisions.

Data includes stock issued from NWSSP only and does not include any stock procured directly by the NHS or local authorities. The data will include PPE procured directly by NWSSP as well as PPE distributed to NWSSP by the UK Government. It reflects a snapshot at a point in time of a dynamic position.

This release reports on PPE items issued since 9 March 2020 as this represents the point at which the current reporting arrangements were established.

Data included in this release is correct at 8pm on 20 September 2020.

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National Statistics status

These statistics are not National Statistics. However, as far as has been practicable, they have been collected and validated in accordance with the pillars and principles within the [Code of Practice for Statistics](#). We continue to develop the data collection and quality assurance process to improve the data.

These statistics have been produced quickly in response to developing world events.

Well-being of Future Generations Act

The Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 is about improving the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales. The Act puts in place seven wellbeing goals for Wales. These are for a more equal, prosperous, resilient, healthier and globally responsible Wales, with cohesive communities and a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language. Under section (10)(1) of the Act, the Welsh Ministers must (a) publish indicators ('national indicators') that must be applied for the purpose of measuring progress towards the achievement of the wellbeing goals, and (b) lay a copy of the national indicators before the National Assembly. The 46 national indicators were laid in March 2016.

Information on the indicators, along with narratives for each of the well-being goals and associated technical information is available in the [Well-being of Wales report](#).

Further information on the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#).

The statistics included in this release could also provide supporting narrative to the national indicators and be used by public services boards in relation to their local wellbeing assessments and local wellbeing plans.

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Next update

This is currently a weekly statistical release. It will be published at 09:30am every Thursday. We will review the frequency in line with changing user need.

The next release will be on Thursday 1 October.

We want your feedback

We welcome any feedback on any aspect of these statistics which can be provided by email to kas.covid19@gov.wales.

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