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Personal protective equipment items issued: up to 20 December 2020

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

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1. Main results

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

- Since 9 March 2020, the NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) has issued just over 525 million items of PPE to the health and social care sectors in Wales. Around 259 million of these were issued to the social care sector.
- In the seven days to Sunday 20 December 2020 17 million items were issued.
- The weekly number of PPE items issued has increased from March 2020 reaching a peak of 20.2 million in May 2020. Since September 2020 the number of items issued has fluctuated between 11 and 15 million but increased to 17 million in the latest week.

Table 1: Number of PPE items issued

Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 20 December 2020
Aprons	98,112,150	2,586,025

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Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 20 December 2020
Body bags	10,383	1,240
Eye protector	1,619,708	0
Type I and Type II masks	1,079,200	42,950
Type IIR masks	124,746,551	3,541,300
FFP2 masks	118,470	880
FFP3 masks	2,347,888	75,770
Face visors	4,204,923	156,315
Fit test kits and spares	5,672	10
Gloves	282,659,790	10,248,700
Gloves cuff	1,254,750	4,000
Gowns (fluid-resistant)	1,688,150	78,572
Gowns (other)	571,310	31,346
Hand sanitiser	343,337	9,630
Hand wipes	6,288,675	222,200
Respirator filters	22,176	0

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Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 20 December 2020
Respirator hoods	102	0
Total	525,073,235	16,998,938

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

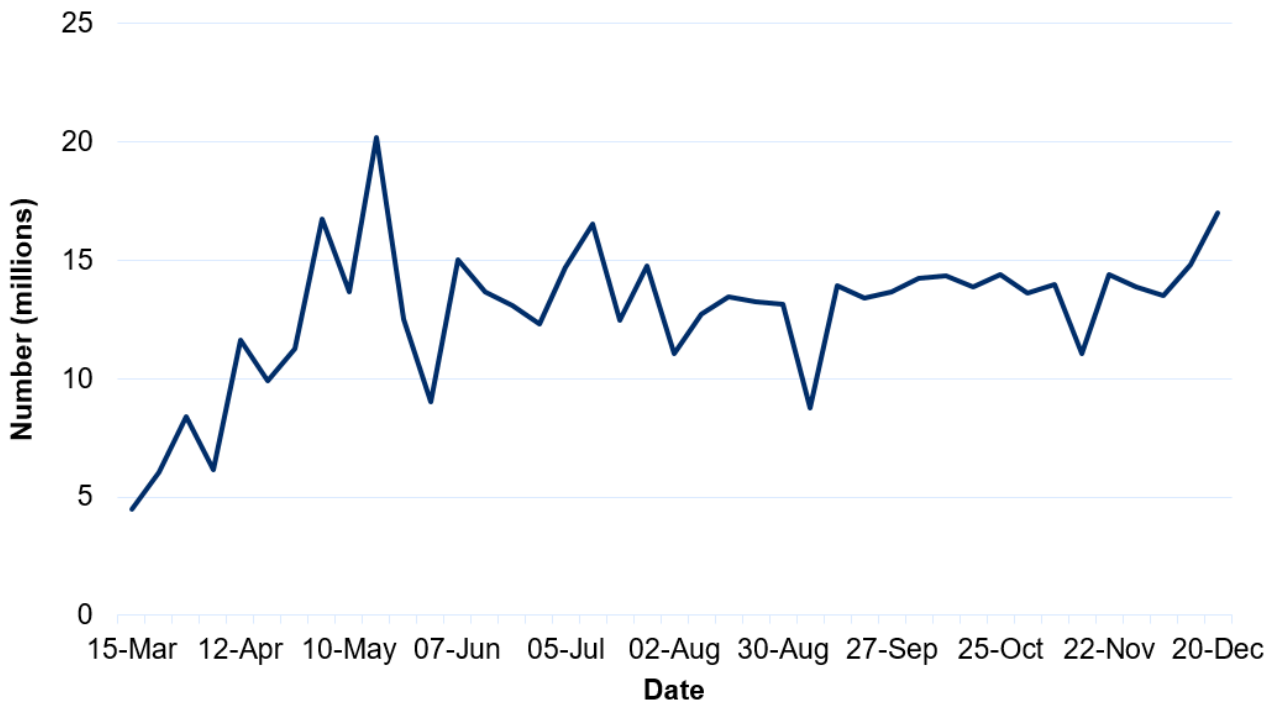
Please note: This data is subject to revisions and previous publications are not revised. The latest figures are the most up to date and cumulative figures will include any historical revisions.

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Chart 1: Weekly number of PPE items issued since 9 March 2020



Source: NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership

[Weekly Number of PPE items issued by date on StatsWales](#)

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.

Local health boards request items of PPE from NWSSP via an online system. These items are then distributed from the NWSSP warehouses on scheduled delivery slots. Processes also exist for local health boards to request emergency deliveries of PPE if needed, and these emergency deliveries of PPE are included in this data. It is possible for some items to occasionally be rationed if

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stocks are low. Local health boards hold their own stocks of PPE and may also obtain supplies separately to this process. 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 December 2020.

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

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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.

Next update

The next release will be on Thursday 7 January 2021.

Please note there will be no update to this release on 31 December 2020. The next update, for the week ending 3 January 2021, will be Thursday 7 January 2021. Data for the week ending Sunday 27 December 2020 will be included in the StatsWales tables published alongside the release on 7 January 2021.

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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