

Delivery of personal protection equipment (PPE)

The supply of PPE is essential to the frontline being able to safely care for patients with suspected COVID-19 and ensure they are protected. We know there have been a number of concerns raised about having enough supplies to go around. NHS England and Improvement tell us there is enough national stock - the issue is consistently getting that stock to the right place at the right time in the right numbers. NHS Supply Chain has published a [distribution schedule](#), and trusts are taking the following actions to support this:

- ensure deliveries can be received by the trust 24/7
- undertake daily stock checks for all PPE and report stock levels to appropriate internal groups
- create a central stock location that enables daily stock checks and top ups for critical clinical areas
- identify a separate central location for all non critical clinical area requests
- ensure there is stock available in secure locations for out of hours
- identify key internal contacts for the procurement department 24/7 to help resolve issues and find suitable alternatives quickly
- complete regular checks of all ward areas to discourage stockpiling in individual areas
- ensure the procurement teams are visible around the Trust, listen to concerns from clinical staff and assure them of stock levels and planned deliveries
- have regular meetings and communication with operational teams, including infection control
- allocate specific brands of FFP3 masks to clinical areas to ensure they are only 'fit tested' for one mask (due to a number of different brands arriving).