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Personal protective equipment items issued: up to 23 August 2020

Management information update on personal protective equipment (PPE) items issued during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic up to 23 August 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 over 293 million items of PPE to the health and social care sectors in Wales. Over 140 million of these were issued to the social care sector.
- In the seven days to Sunday 23 August 2020 over 13 million items were issued.

Table 1: Number of PPE items issued, up to 23 August 2020

Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 23 August 2020
Aprons	56,175,725	3,075,800
Body bags	8,008	20

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Item	Since 9 March 2020	In the seven days to 23 August 2020
Eye protector	1,603,328	45
Type I and Type II masks	557,000	7,000
Type IIR masks	77,253,422	2,864,030
FFP2 masks	88,050	4,820
FFP3 masks	1,683,887	42,100
Face visors	2,373,917	55,435
Fit test kits and spares	4,905	82
Gloves	147,341,200	6,966,550
Gloves cuff	1,028,450	10,350
Gowns (fluid-resistant)	1,036,450	48,131
Gowns (other)	283,752	12,614
Hand sanitiser	208,760	7,249
Hand wipes	3,449,450	161,050
Respirator filters	22,176	0
Respirator hoods	100	0
Total	293,118,580	13,255,276

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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

Respirator filters and respirator hoods have been added to this list of personal protective items issued as part of the pandemic response.

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 23 August 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.

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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.

Next update

This is currently a weekly statistical release. It will be published at 9:30am every Thursday. We will review the frequency in line with changing user need.

The next release will be on Thursday 3 September.

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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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