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Keith

On 10 Apr 2020, at 18:19, WILLETT, Keith (NHS ENGLAND & NHS IMPROVEMENT - X24) <keith.willett@nhs.net> wrote:

Dear **NR**

Thank you for your input on this.

From an NHS service delivery perspective we are almost certainly not going to receive from DHSC supply chain sufficient gowns this weekend to equip staff in multiple hospitals and ambulance services to the level of PPE that the recent 6th and 10th April PHE guidance recommends.

We need now to offer an agreed position to all NHS organisations and staff the default PPE that should be adopted to substitute for a gown in the previously agreed PPE ensembles for the 2 scenarios: i) managing an aerosol generating procedure and ii) working in high viral load contact areas such as intensive care. No other PPE element or environment circumstances change other than the unavailability of a gown. Bare below the elbow and hand hygiene etc pertain.

Is it to follow the WHO guidance on this to default to a single use disposable apron as per Standard Infection Control Precautions?

I'm sorry to press but I currently have staff across the NHS caring for 17,000 confirmed COVID 19 positive patients.

Many thanks

Keith

Prof Keith Willett
Strategic Incident Director for COVID 19
NHS ENGLAND

On 10 Apr 2020, at 17:29, **NR** <NR@hse.gov.uk> wrote:

Susan,

We have received some testing data on 200k coveralls at the Daventry warehouse although a view on this won't be available today, hopefully tomorrow. Emily Lawson is aware of the position on this.

On aprons all we can offer today is the gowns v aprons document published on our website earlier this week <https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/assets/docs/face-mask-equivalence-aprons-gown-eye-protection.pdf>. Any further more specific answer would be dependent on the whole proposed ensemble i.e. the type of apron, single use or reusable and what was worn underneath and again we would not be able to turn around an answer on that this evening. If there is a more specific PPE ensemble question you would like us to consider please copy to the Resilience inbox, one of my colleagues will be on call in the morning.

I hope you've been able to contact someone in OPSS about the potential supply of gowns / coveralls as well.

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Sent: 10 April 2020 17:04

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NR

I need an answer on aprons today in case there are no gowns.

Keith is on the email trail.

I will also send this to Emily Lawson related to supply chain.

Susan

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Susan,

Have you managed to get in touch with OPSS about potential supply of gowns ?

I've asked our PPE task force for a view on aprons if gowns / coveralls are unavailable and am following through the thread forwarded from **NR** regarding coveralls. How urgently do you need a response on aprons ?

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NR

Thank you for your email.

The IPC cell have led these changes and need to confirm the email confirmation.

I agree with you re coveralls.

But if there are no gowns or coveralls, what is your view on the use of aprons.

Kind regards

Susan

From: **NR** <NR@hse.gov.uk>

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Susan,

1. I've had an update in the last few minutes that a consignment has arrived in the country. I would suggest you speak to **NR** in OPSS for further update **NR** <NR@beis.gov.uk>
2. HSE has not assessed any gowns as unsuitable. We have spoken with Burberry about the gowns they are proposing to produce and are waiting for tests to be completed by them, and are waiting for further information on the stock in Daventry from the Office for Product Safety and Standards following earlier discussions
3. The coveralls piece in a separate chain is relevant here, these are likely to be more appropriate than aprons particularly if AGPs are involved. If you are able to identify what communication was received from HSE and when on those we can look to join the two things together.

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Colleagues

1. The supplies of gowns have not arrived into the country as expected.
2. HSE have assessed gowns that have arrived as not suitable - apparently 23,000 – to confirm that these were not usable in any scenario
3. If there are no gowns over the weekend, **will HSE support the use of aprons instead of gowns?**

I would appreciate an urgent response.

Susan

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