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Charlotte

The guidance is clear, whether clearly communicated understood and applied are separate considerations.

Will seek to understand what the issues are.

Michael

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Michael

Not the right approach I accept. There are very big concerns regarding PPE and staff are truly fearful. I think our messaging needs to be clear and simple as logic is not being heard over the emotion of fear and anxiety.

Tonight I had a conference calls with heads of midwifery and the concerns were raised regarding inconsistencies across trusts. MW have v little access to fit testing because they are not priority but if the woman delivers in OT this is required. Other issues re use of etonox.

I also spoke to a DON tonight who will raise Concern through bronze tomorrow about general lack of PPE.

The hospice contacted me today as they are running out and have a number of patients including a child in isolation awaiting results. The Belfast Trust should be sharing their supplies but this expectation under regional guidance was unclear as they say they don't have enough

Students are also raising concerns about lack of fit testing and PPE

These are all examples of situations I've dealt with over today only.

There is a deep lack of clarity and understanding regarding appropriate use of PPE and in particular FFP3. A professional letter on its own won't do it for me. We need to reissue simple and clear advice and information

via **NR** to all
Staff
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Charlotte

The nature and volume of correspondence from health professionals nurse, doctors and others is entirely inappropriate even allowing for the current significant understandable anxiety.

There should be no circumstances whereby any health professional escalates such matters out with extant professional and organisational arrangements. This is what our respective professional codes of practice advise us. That the assertions on appropriate PPE are inaccurate is also concerning and undoubtedly adding to the concern.

Might I suggest a professional letter from us reminding all, acknowledging pressures and uncertainty and seeking to maintain a sense of professional calm and preparedness.

Matters in relation to operational PPE fit testing and provision are for the Trust concerned. The appropriate PPE is determined by national and international guidance for WHO. FFP3 is only required for invasive procedures likely to create aerosols.

NR is leading on policy matters in relation to PPE.

Michael
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