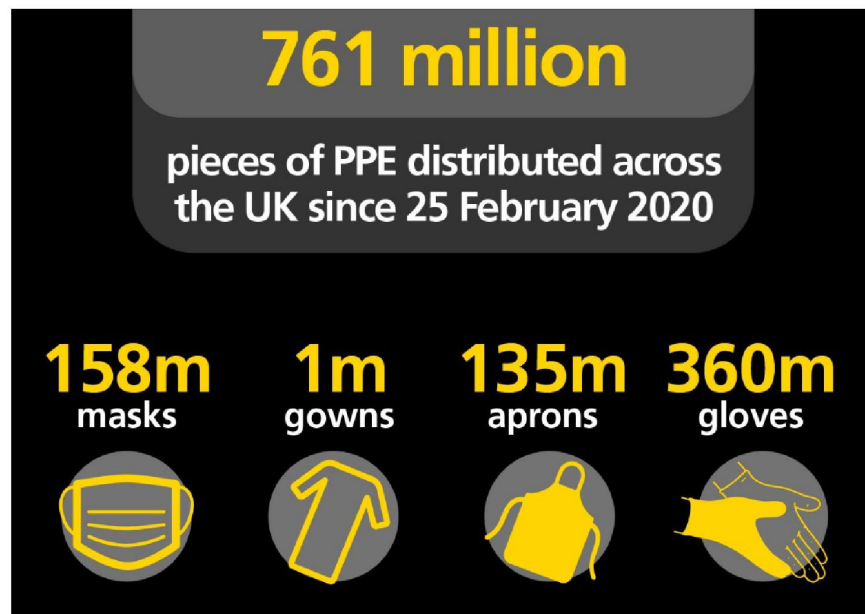


Strand 2 - Delivery

- 1.23 The second key pillar of our plan is about ensuring that those people who need PPE equipment can get it and get it quickly.
- 1.24 The UK was well prepared with a national stockpile of PPE which had been reserved for our preparations for an outbreak of pandemic influenza and no-deal Brexit.
- 1.25 The Government had stockpiled sufficient medicines and consumables (including PPE) to respond to a reasonable worst-case influenza pandemic where 50% of the UK population becomes symptomatic. In England we held circa. 50,000 pallets of medicines and consumables (including PPE) to be able to respond to a future UK pandemic with the Devolved Administrations holding stockpiles separately for each of their nations. Circa. 25,000 of those pallets held PPE and hygiene products.
- 1.26 This has been released in response to Covid-19 and we have made substantial progress in getting this stock to those who need it.
- 1.27 Since the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak, we have delivered over **761 million** items of PPE to ensure our frontline is protected.¹ This has included **158 million** masks, **1 million gowns**, **135 million** aprons and **360 million** pairs of gloves.



¹ PPE deliveries include aprons, body bags, eye protectors, face masks, fit test kits and solutions, gloves, gowns. These figures also include deliveries of hand hygiene, pulse oximeters, swabs, clinical waste containers, cleaning equipment and detergent to NHS Trusts in their response to the Covid-19 outbreak

distribution of PPE to those organisations whose staff have close unavoidable contact with confirmed or suspected Covid-19 cases that include highly vulnerable groups.

A new website for ordering PPE

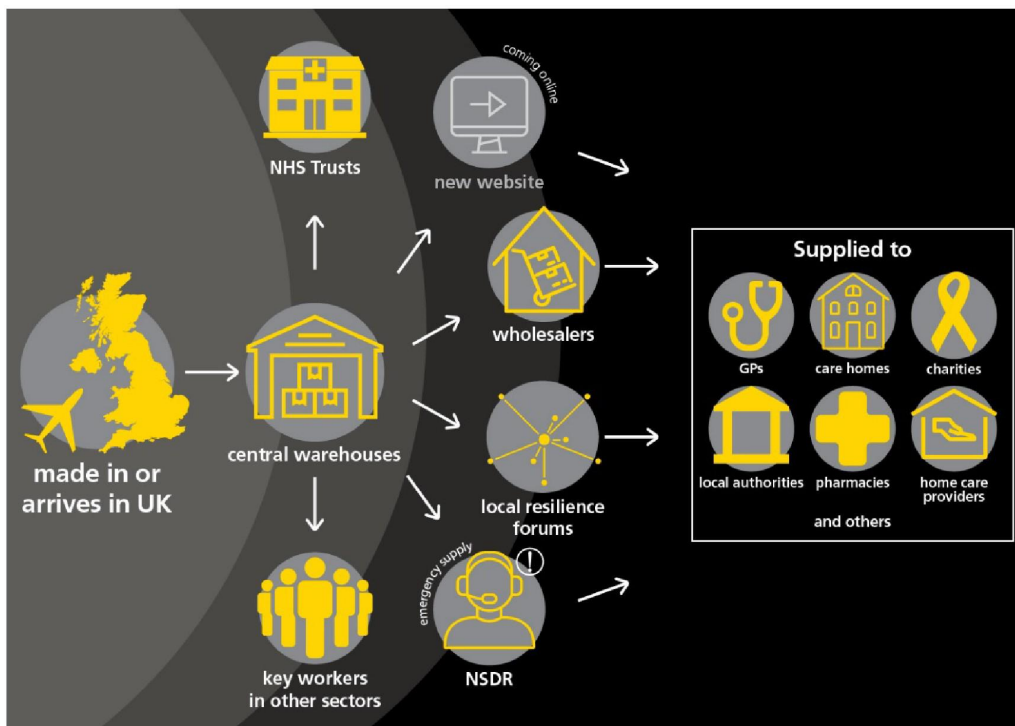
- 1.49 The capabilities of our supply chain have strengthened to meet the urgent need for PPE and increase our ability to monitor PPE needs across the UK in line with the clinical recommendations.
- 1.50 To enable those working in the system to register their PPE requirements more easily, we are working with e-commerce expertise to pilot a new website for ordering PPE. Orders will be managed in line with the published guidance from Public Health England, integrated with NHS Supply Chain's central PPE logistic operations and shipped directly via Royal Mail. The prototype of this new initiative is undergoing the first live tests with an initial group of primary care providers this week. Once the new system is up and running, we will look to expand further to meet the demands of the health and care sectors, including those of social care providers.
- 1.51 However, we recognise that it will take time to stand up this new approach for the wider health and care system, so in the meantime we will continue to operate a 'push' model, with essential equipment being issued to NHS organisations based on the expected number of Covid-19 patients. We will continue to refine our approach, using the routes set out below and through working with organisations across the UK to understand their PPE needs and develop a more sophisticated demand signal.

Taking a UK-wide approach

- 1.52 It is vital that we meet this challenge as four united nations. At every step of the way we have ensured that we have worked side by side with the devolved nations and we have set up a weekly four nations PPE oversight board to manage demand and supply.
- 1.53 Each of the Devolved Administrations has their own supply chain operation for PPE and is responsible for ensuring distribution within Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland.
- 1.54 We are working closely with colleagues in the devolved nations to ensure supplies of PPE are distributed equitably across the four nations. In the past week, we have authorised the release of nearly **20 million** items of PPE to the devolved

nations to address immediate shortages of specific items and we continue to work closely with the Devolved Administrations to meet the need for PPE across the whole of the UK.

- 1.55 However, it is recognised that, in particular circumstances, Devolved Administrations are also pursuing their own sourcing of PPE to meet their particular needs.
- 1.56 We are also working closely with colleagues in the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories to understand their needs and have already made significant stock available to them.



Supplying PPE to other sectors responding to the Covid-19 outbreak

- 1.57 Whilst it is our top priority to ensure that those working in health and care settings are supplied with the PPE they need, we clearly recognise the need to ensure supplies to organisations and sectors with a critical role to play in responding to the Covid-19 outbreak. For example, we have provided emergency supplies of PPE to prison services and to the court service in line with the guidance.
- 1.58 To allow us to ensure that those facing supply issues and conducting essential work receive the PPE they need, we have set up a cross-government PPE board,