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