

- The Rototherm Group, in Margam, is also producing face shields, which will be used by healthcare staff, sourced from Premier Plastic Services Ltd in Bridgend via Cardiff-stockist Amari Plastics Ltd, which paid for the first 2,000.
- And BCB International, in Llanelli, is making 40,000 bottles of hand sanitiser a day, supplying the NHS here and in London. They've increased their workforce by a third.
- There are very few good news stories in this pandemic. But the work we've been doing to secure new supply chains for the Welsh NHS is one.
- For the first time, we are self-sufficient in scrubs in Wales – we're making 5,000 a week, bringing back overseas jobs and anchoring them in our Welsh economy.
- We worked with Alexandra, a UK company that supplies the NHS with scrubs and with three Welsh business and social enterprises to produce the garments.
 - The scrubs are being produced at ELITE Clothing Solutions – this is a factory we created from scratch in Ebbw Vale in partnership with a social enterprise, creating jobs for 15 machinists who were long-term unemployed.
 - At Brodwaith, in Anglesey, which has 15 people coming back from furlough.
 - And at Workplace Worksafe, in Ruthin, which has 13 machinists back from furlough.
- We can't simply rely on supplies from overseas – we have to have a home-grown supply of essential equipment. As part of our ongoing efforts to build up local businesses to make more of the everyday goods we use in Wales, we'll be looking at how we can make more of the PPE we need closer to home.
- We want some good to come from this. We want to support manufacturers in Wales, to keep us safe and to keep our communities strong.

Thank you. I will take questions.

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