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OPSS Incident Management Team

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Workstream/ Area	Update
Out of date 3M masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sourcing of “in date” 3M still problematic.• BSI received samples of “Tiger” masks and tested on 18 April to provide approximate performance data for of an in date EN 14683 mask.• A comparison testing report was received however debate has remained between teams in HSE over MHRA involvement.• MHRA emailed with a HSE quote “Our discussions with OPSS indicated that we would need to have a case by case agreement with MHRA if we were to “transfer” the lead for any particular item” and sought to resolve on the HSE/OPSS call on Monday.• View was that NHS and Army would not wait till Monday before reacting.• Line to take - It is not for OPSS to arbitrate. HSE and MHRA need to decide who is the regulator. OPSS opinion is that these are medical devices and so for MHRA to lead.• NR and Tom held discussion with MHRA late on Saturday night followed by a confirmatory email.
PPE Daventry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting between IMT, Daventry team and Tech team held 14:00 on Saturday 18 April. A note of this meeting can be found here. Key points are below.• This morning was a ‘fact finding mission’ more on understanding the logistics side of Daventry.• Daventry team described the site arrangements as being split into 2 zones:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Locked zone – Items that need checking. Not known what items exist or their quality/value. An initial search of this zone did not identify any IIR in the locked zone.○ Unlocked zone - items that are ready for shipment to NHS as part of the supply chain. Army use a spreadsheet to monitor stock and location within the warehouse; The Daventry team have been given access• Significant issues identified with the processes in both zones.• On site OPSS staff stood down at 15:00 and priorities set for Daventry work on Sunday 19 April:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Surgical gowns/Surgical masks IIR (both MHRA)/Respirators FFP2 and FFP3 (HSE) which are CE marked (Note: no mask IIR identified at present)○ Surgical gowns/Surgical masks IIR (both MHRA)/Respirators FFP2 and FFP3 (HSE) (Note: no mask IIR identified at present)○ CE marked PPE/Medical Devices (preferably by highest quantity present to lowest)○ PPE/Medical Devices where there is significant stock (over 500,000)○ The rest grouped by quantity available – unlikely to be considered on Sunday.• Agreed that IMT not required to notify tech teams on Daventry uploads as the two teams are in constant liaison. Recommended that IMT re-confirm this arrangement will apply on Sunday 19 April.• IMT monitoring of changes to the SharePoint site needs refining (312 change alert notifications received between 08:00 and 19:30).• Revised process map produced by NR Draft copy can be found here and Ray circulated a hard copy within IMT.• Urgent debrief call with Daventry and Tech teams set up for 09:00 Monday. IMT to take notes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OPSS staff will not attend the Daventry site until after the debrief call.
PPE from Turkey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Secretary Robert Jenrick announced during UK government coronavirus briefing on 18 April that 84 tonnes of PPE from Turkey due to arrive on Sunday 19 April. NR in liaison with Cabinet Office to obtain full details. Data dump of emails/documentation saved here
PPE Re-use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-Government PPE Reuse Group workstream is looking at proof of concepts for reuse of PPE (mainly gowns and RPE). HSE trials using various sterilisation techniques on clean items commencing 18 April. BSI are assisting with testing of post-sterilised RPE items. Joint HSE-MHRA-OPSS discussion set up for Monday at 11:30-12:30 Discussions commencing on re-use of NIV / CPAP consumables. MHRA leading with OPSS monitoring.
Other PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMC Referral on whether Visors have to be fog resistant. Had been copied to HSE. OPSS tech team advised to await HSE view first. IMT chased with HSE and have confirmation that HSE have received and will consider. DMC Referral on face masks. An initial review by NR suggests they are masks for coming into contact with food, so not relevant to PPE. This needs further assessment against the standards. There also needs to be a decision on whether this needs to be submitted to the DMC and what, if any further documentation is needed. For Action on Sunday: Harsha to review the request and advise. Border Force Heathrow emailed the SPOC to advise they have detained two consignments (100,000 face masks and 2790 bags of surgical face masks). Both consignments are invoiced as “masks” and have certificates purporting to be CE conforming PPE. Consignees are described as a mobile phone accessories dealer and a toy importer respectively. The declared value is extremely low. Border Force can hold these consignments for 3 working days pending advice from SPOC; as such did not meet the emergency threshold to stand people up. SPOC advised and they have replied they will pick up on Monday. NR has started drafting an internal briefing for PPE Provides a snapshot to aid understanding/conversations/press responses. Circulated for comments.
LA Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEIS Press office informed that an announcement on additional funding was imminent and is MHCLG lead. Announcement was made on 18 April. Actions to follow up on Monday - Jo Comms/Business Closures- Consider sending a letter to local authority regulators/CEOs/finance directors to stress what this additional funding is for – TSOs, EHOs – and possibly put a news item/link on our Gov.uk page.
Business closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COBR readout received. Points addressed included effective collection of fixed penalty notices, clarification on mixed use premises (can only remain open where the shop's primary or predominant offer is on the list of permitted exemptions) but not explicit on garden centres, dog groomers, car washes, etc.). Caroline highlighted required actions. IMT flagged to on call DD, comms and PBU. Actions to follow up on Monday - Comms and PBU will need to feed into NR action email by 10am and absolute final comments by noon on Monday.

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Subject: IMT roundup and PPE briefing – 17/04/2020

Dear all,

In advance of this weekend, please find a briefing [here](#) on the current PPE situation/workstreams, attached is the working arrangements document, and below a summary of today’s activity (as gained from the IMT mailbox). There will be updates on this chain on Saturday and Sunday evenings in line with IMT shift changes.

The next version of the Situation Report will be distributed on Monday morning and will summarise the weekend’s activity.

If you have any questions, please email the IMT mailbox.

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PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSE are in the process of producing specifications for PPE. HSE now have a presence at Daventry and are in the process of sorting through 3 million units of PPE, primarily masks and gowns An OPSS team has been sent to Daventry, with [REDACTED] Names Redacted and [REDACTED] NR (Sat am only) providing cover for this weekend. OPSS’ role at Daventry will include building connections; assessing the situation on the ground; ensuring items are uploaded onto SharePoint for review at the earliest possible stage; establishing processes within Daventry; supporting prioritisation; and liaising with Testing/E+T/IMT. Chinese translation capability has been established in the Testing team (one OPSS, and one BEIS) which will assist in required translation of PPE. Teams are still trying to locate any available 3M masks for testing to provide a comparator for the testing of out of date PPE. The daily call was held between OPSS and HSE, with actions including OPSS supporting MHRA on documentation checks, strengthening contacts to agree decisions on PPE vs MD and considering the possibility of lower spec masks for public/social use.
Business Closures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new BEIS workstream on ‘Safer Workplaces’ has been established to consider sectoral plans for helping businesses open as safely as possible.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team have begun to receive queries from businesses on reopening and maintaining social distancing practices during this. Top five issues remain garden centres, car washes, dog groomers, vape shops and ice cream vans. • Police guidance was issued on business closures/social distancing in contradiction to existing MHCLG guidance. This has caused some questions from businesses and has been withdrawn for amendment and will ensure clarity that Local Authorities enforce these measures and not the police. • MHCLG are awaiting the readout from the COBR meeting and the separate CO meeting to discuss contentious issues was cancelled. • Legislation will not be laid until at least Tuesday.
Additional Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHRA have published their minimum specification for ventilators. • Handheld UV Disinfection Lamps were raised as a potential risk for sanitising used PPE – Intelligence and Science teams are looking into this.

Kind regards,
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