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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Your request sought information relating to PPE Stock Levels.

**How many full sets of gowns, gloves, eye protection and face masks were held by the local health board on the following dates:**

Please note that this data was not held prior to 30th March 2020, therefore we have provided information from 1st April 2020.

By way of context, our pandemic stock management system in Swansea Bay operates on a devolved basis whereby we retain a small central supply of key items, but our focus is on ensuring that all of our individual hospital and community sites have their own stores from which stock is allocated centrally on a needs basis. This applies to items that are categorised as 'restricted' nationally. This is a limited list of items that are distributed nationally directly to central HB stores. There are many other items that are not managed as restricted and therefore readily available for wards and departments to order directly.

As we don't have a fully automated, electronic stock system in place data on the volume of items held in individual stores is not held centrally. The following information therefore only covers good that are held centrally and does not therefore represent the entire stock holding within the Health Board. Our aim throughout the pandemic has been to ensure sites hold a minimum supply equivalent to 1 week's usage of restricted items which is based on a local predictive PPE model. Stock levels are actively monitored on a daily basis through our dashboard which monitors how many days' worth of stock is available, rather than total volume (which does not



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provide an indication of the rate of usage).

Please be aware that the standard procurement route for most items including gloves and plastic aprons remained in place (wards/departments ordering directly from clinical stores) therefore the quantities for these items has not been provided. We do not hold separated figures for eye protection - this figure includes both visors and protective glasses.

These figures are not indicative of our stock levels throughout the month – the Health Board was receiving deliveries of PPE daily and these numbers would go up and down in line with receipt of stock and clinical demand.

- **1st January 2020** – Information not held centrally at this date
- **1st February 2020** - Information not held centrally at this date
- **1st March 2020** - Information not held centrally at this date
  
- **1st April 2020**  
Surgical Gowns – 2740 items  
Surgical Masks – 9520 items  
FFP3 Respirators – 2740 items  
Eye protection - Information not held centrally at this date. Centralised stock levels on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 was 280 items.
  
- **1st May 2020**  
Surgical Gowns – 340 items  
Surgical Masks – 10,690 items  
FFP3 Respirators – 340 items  
Eye protection – 110 items

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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