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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 27th May 2020. Your request sought information relating to PPE Stock Levels.

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.

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.

Please could you send me all available information produced by Swansea Bay University Health Board; on PPE stocks between 5 March and 5 May 2020, including:



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Please note that this data was not held prior to 30th March 2020, therefore we have provided information where available from this date.

1. The stock levels of surgical gowns, pairs of surgical gloves, plastic aprons, fluid repellent surgical masks (e.g. IIR masks), FFP3 respirators, FFP3 respirators, eye protection (glasses) and eye protection (visors)

Please see attached Appendix 1.

2. Usage of those stocks during this period (e.g. daily or weekly depletion of surgical gowns)

This information is not held centrally.

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 provide an indication of the rate of usage).

3. Any estimates at the time of how long those stocks were expected to last?

These estimates were calculated on a regular basis through our dashboard. At any one time we would always have a minimum of 3 days' worth of stock for all items.

4. If possible, could you please split this data out by healthcare setting (i.e. detail PPE stocks by all hospitals covered by your board).

This information is not held centrally, each clinical department within the Health Board maintains their own individual stock levels. The data provided for Q1 covers only the centralised PPE store.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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