

**From the Acting Chief Dental Officer
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Dear Colleague

Further to my letter of 18 June 2020, I'm writing to outline the latest developments with regard to PPE for GDPs. The Health Minister has signed off a large consignment of level I PPE for GDPs. This will contain over 3 million individual items:

- 336,000 Type IIR Fluid Repellent Surgical Masks (FRSM)
- 336,000 Visors
- 1,824,000 Gloves / 912,000 Pairs of gloves
- 912,000 Aprons

This PPE will be delivered to practices. Practices will receive PPE quantities in proportion to their historical Health Service commitment using a process similar to the determination of Revenue Grant Scheme allocations and clinical waste payments. Where a practice's historical Health Service commitment is significantly less than the minimum pack size, it will not be feasible to deliver the PPE.

Given the number of items involved and the necessity to provide practices with differing amounts of PPE, the distribution exercise in itself poses a considerable logistical challenge. The Health and Social Care Board is working closely with BSO to coordinate the delivery arrangements. However, it is expected that it will take in the region of 10 to 14 days before deliveries begin.

I will be writing to you again next week with further details of the delivery arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Donaldson".

Michael Donaldson