

Reference:	FOI.3224.20
Subject:	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) stock
Date of Request:	22 May 2020

Requested:

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

- 1st January 2020
- 1st February 2020
- 1st March 2020
- 1st April 2020
- 1st May 2020

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested as it did not maintain a system to record the number of items of each type of equipment listed until the end of March 2020. Individual wards, departments and services across the UHB had stocks of these items throughout January, February and March but we do not have records of how many items each area had in stock for the dates requested.

At the end of March, a centrally-controlled process was initiated to create an overall UHB wide record of items held. Certain items such as surgical gloves (being in ready supply) were not recorded. However, the numbers for certain types of gloves (mainly long-sleeved gloves) were centrally recorded and that number is shown below.

Finally, wards and other service-area stocks are not centrally recorded as they fluctuate hour by hour depending on service and patient needs. The numbers of items in each category for centrally recorded stock for the dates requested is shown below:

Item	At 1 January 2020	At 1 February 2020	At 1 March 2020	At 1 April 2020	At 1 May 2020
Gowns	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	250	5,492
Gloves – long sleeved	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	3,350	19,549
Eye Protection	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	15,343	26,675
Facemasks	Not recorded	Not recorded	Not recorded	152,355	114,608