

Hi Paul,

Thank you so much for taking my call this afternoon. I appreciate you will be busy.

As mentioned, my colleagues working in [REDACTED] Hospital [REDACTED] are telling me that they are currently working without PPE. In particular, professionals who are coming into direct contact with confirmed COVID-19 cases are being told they are not 'front line' staff and therefore the PPE (FFP3 masks etc) are not warranted, hence me contacting people like yourself desperate for help.

I have left my details with someone at the hospital yesterday for the 'COVID-19 incident team' but I have had no response as of yet.

For context this is a hospital that has had confirmed deaths from COVID19. [REDACTED] hospital is small relative to the area it covers and struggled (like most hospitals) even before COVID-19. As a county I believe [REDACTED] has one of the largest over 65's populations in the country.

My old colleagues and friends are petrified to turn into work but they do because they are the best of us. I was due to be an usher at a friends wedding in April, however the bride is a nurse at the hospital. Instead of looking forward to her wedding day (now cancelled) she now says goodbye to her partner before every shift thinking it will be the last. She then returns home from the hospital petrified she has brought home the virus. She and her team have been told to rest as much as they can now because in 1-2 weeks there will be no relief for them, they will work until they stop with exhaustion.

Currently there are a number of nurses and doctors self isolating for 14 days because they are unable to be tested for the virus, only compounding matters.

I am part of a local support group trying to help those who are isolated, connecting volunteers with those who need help (see attached). I have however diverted my own focus to getting PPE supplied to the hospital as a matter of urgency, if they are telling professionals they are not 'front line' and are not issuing PPE the situation will only get worse.

The main concern is around the FFP3 masks (Staff) and surgical masks (patients). I know they will run out of everything else too but this is likely the priority. If you can divert any resources to the hospital it would make all the difference. As I said, I have not had anything back from the management of the hospital but I have left my details. I and family members of the staff are prepared to drive anywhere in the country to collect equipment if that helps?

My personal mobile number is [REDACTED]
(Our groups contact details are on the attached poster.)

Again, thank you for your time and help.
(Keep safe)

Best wishes,