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PPE Update from HPS to be sent all GP Practices

HPS have received a query as to whether the visors recently distributed to general practice are to be used as single use or single sessional use. Concern has been expressed that GP practices may run out of stock following this recent delivery, particularly if clinicians are disposing after every patient.

In accordance with the guidance from PHE (see section 6) the visors can be used for single sessional use.

Table 2 provides information for PPE use with covid positive or suspected cases. In sustained transmission table 4 can be used.

Table 4: This table was developed as additional considerations and allows staff to carry out their own risk assessment where a patient is not suspected or confirmed as COVID-19. Where a member of staff is providing direct patient care and assesses that they wish to wear eye protection then this can be worn as sessional as per the guidance for GPs, in consultation rooms these visors can be worn for a consultation session. All PPE should be removed when leaving clinical area.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-infection-prevention-and-control/covid-19-personal-protective-equipment-ppe>

The PPE Primary Steering Group is meeting on a regular weekly basis to ensure a sustainable supply of PPE to Primary Care contractor groups. If GP practices are running short of supply of any PPE they should continue to discuss their needs with their local Health Board procurement teams who meet with NSS national procurement on a twice weekly basis.