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Dear Sir/Madam

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Since the start of the pandemic NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) National Procurement have delivered appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to primary care contractors to help support the provision of health and social care in our communities. Scottish Government Ministers had previously confirmed the continued support of this “at no cost to the contractors” PPE provision through 2022 up until the end of March 2023. I am happy to announce the decision to extend the current supply of PPE through until the end of the next financial year (31 March 2024) with several caveats.

The PPE supplied by National Procurement will continue to be provided until relevant pandemic PPE stock holdings are depleted or there is a relevant change to the National Infection Prevention and Control PPE guidance if these occur prior to 31 March 2024. We will communicate any of these changes in advance of implementation.

This PPE being supplied is designated to support delivery of NHS services only. Contractors are expected to make appropriate arrangements to purchase their own PPE to support non-NHS healthcare provision.

Ongoing monitoring will continue during 2023-2024 to ensure that PPE is being effectively utilised to deliver NHS services.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'W. Paul Cushley'.

PAUL CUSHLEY
Director of Dentistry



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