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Submitted to Future pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies in Scotland
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Part 1: Lessons learned

1.0 Effective mechanisms of collaboration and communication between the Scottish Government and stakeholders are an integral part of facilitating the supply of PPE in pandemic circumstances, and must be implemented into any future strategy.

Agree

1.1 A reformed stockpiling and buying approach for pandemic PPE is required.

Agree

1.2 Primary Care and adult Social Care require a long term and sustainable PPE supply strategy.

Agree

1.3 Cross public sector collaboration with the NHS on PPE supply issues should be considered as part of a future strategy

Agree

1.4 A surge capacity should be incorporated into the future pandemic PPE supply and stockpiling arrangements to guarantee that PPE demand is met during the volatile early stages of any future pandemic

Agree

1.5 A future strategy also needs to consider how private businesses and third sector organisations can be as prepared as possible for future pandemics to ensure that they continue to deliver essential public services.

Agree

1.6 We must build upon the progress made during the Covid-19 pandemic in terms of supporting new, domestic supply chains and the development of data modelling.

Agree

2.0 Are there any other lessons learned that you think should be considered?

Not Answered

If 'yes', please describe (preferably no more than 300 words):.

Part 2: Preparing our PPE Stocks for Future Pandemics

3.0 Do you think that Scotland should have its own pandemic PPE stockpile?

Yes

Please expand your answer if you wish (preferably no more than 300 words):.

3.1 Do you have a preference as to which organisations or sectors should be able to access the PPE pandemic stockpile?

Yes

If yes, please expand on your answer (preferably no more than 300 words):.

It is essential that pharmacists and pharmacy teams working in the community have access to PPE pandemic stockpiles. Pharmacy teams remained accessible throughout the pandemic and with this came increased risk with face-to-face interaction with many different people daily. To ensure we can continue to offer this level of service to patients and the public, access to effective PPE which can be delivered via a robust procurement system is essential.

3.2 Do you have a view on how much the organisations or sectors that share the PPE stockpile should contribute to its costs?

No

If yes, please expand on your answer (preferably no more than 300 words):.

4.0 Do you think that public sector organisations working together with the NHS to buy PPE together would help support the Scottish PPE manufacturing base?

Not Answered

4.1 Do you think that public sector organisations working together with the NHS to buy PPE together would help Scotland to be more resilient in the event of a future pandemic?

Not Answered

4.2 For public sector respondents: Would your organisation be willing to participate in a collaborative buying approach for pandemic PPE with the NHS?

Not Answered

4.3 Please detail any other views that you have on the proposed cross public sector collaboration with the NHS on pandemic PPE supply

Please give us your views (preferably no more than 300 words):.

5.0 Should the Scottish Government have a role in supporting the private businesses providing an essential public service and the third sector with their PPE supply in the event of a future pandemic?

Not Answered

If 'yes', please describe what role that should be (preferably no more than 300 words):.

5.1 If you answered 'yes' to Question 5, do you have an opinion on how this should be funded?

Not Answered

If 'yes', please expand on your answer (preferably no more than 300 words):.

6.0 Do you agree with the proposed pandemic PPE supply arrangements for your organisation or sector?

No preference

If no, please describe what you believe should change (preferably no more than 300 words):.

We agree with primary care contractors having guaranteed access to an emergency stockpile in the event of a future pandemic to ensure they can maintain a significant level of service.

7.0 Do you agree that a mechanism (or mechanisms) should be found by which the cost of pandemic PPE is appropriately split between the organisations that are using that PPE?

Not Answered

7.1 What payment mechanism or mechanisms would be most appropriate in your view?

Please give us your views (preferably no more than 300 words):.

About you

Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your name?

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Which category best represents the sector you work for? If you are responding as an organisation, which category best represents your organisation?

I, or my organisation, do not work for these sectors

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