



# Care Sector Update

## PPE

A decision has now been reached by Government in terms of free issue PPE which has been in place since the early stages of the Covid pandemic.

The outcome is that provision of free issue PPE to the health and care sector has been extended by up to one year to March 2024, or until the stocks have been depleted; whichever is soonest.

Organisations should continue to order as normal and stock figures must continue to be updated on Foundry on a weekly basis. Order limits will continue to apply and order volumes will be monitored.

Information will be provided as stock levels gradually begin to reduce and as we move towards transition of items back into a paid model, so that you can plan and prepare for any change.

Further details can be found on <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-personal-protective-equipment-ppe-scheme>

## PCR & LFD Tests

Please can care settings check PCR and LFD tests on a regular basis to ensure stock available is in date and re-order as required.

