

PPE portal: how to order emergency personal protective equipment

The PPE portal can be used by social care and primary care providers to order and receive critical coronavirus (COVID-19) personal protective equipment (PPE). Providers who can use the service will receive an email invitation to register. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has partnered with eBay, Clipper Logistics and Royal Mail to develop this service. Orders will be managed in line with Public Health England (PHE) guidance and wider availability from the NHS Supply Chain's central PPE logistic operations. Further guidance can be read [here](#).

CQC publishes Adult inpatient survey 2019

To read the full report click [here](#).

For social care providers the report highlighted the following interesting data;

- In 2019, 80% of those surveyed said they had discussions with staff about the need for further health and social care services after they had been discharged. However, only 70% of frail people reported having had such discussions.
- In addition, a third of frail people (33%) responding to the survey said the care and support they expected was not available when they needed it after leaving the hospital. This is significantly higher than the 20% of non-frail patients who said this

Death in service

[Guidance](#) has been published setting out the steps you may need to take following a coronavirus related death of an employee or volunteer working in adult social care.

Actions to take may include contacting the family, telling others at work, reporting to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and informing the Department of Health and Social Care.

There are also several bereavement resources available for the social care workforce. Visit the GOV.UK website for more information. If you are a QCS customer, we have published a policy on this.