



Thank You To the Public and Businesses and Volunteers For Your Support In the Ongoing Ppe Appeal

Huge thanks have been paid to members of the public, businesses and volunteers who have supported Sussex key workers in accessing essential personal protective equipment (PPE) to tackle COVID-19.

The Sussex Resilience Forum (SRF) is responsible for co-ordinating the response to COVID-19 alongside emergency services, local authorities, health and other agencies.

The SRF is sourcing supplies of PPE and providing an essential link to central Government, monitoring remaining stocks in Sussex for colleagues such as care and social workers, firefighters and volunteers, until additional national supplies are in place.

Following a county-wide appeal, members of the public and businesses have come forward with their spare items which are not being used during lock down.

A network of volunteers has provided vital support by collecting essential PPE from sites across Sussex, before these items are checked and re-distributed for use.

This is just one of the ways in which volunteers have supported the SRF in protecting the ongoing safety of the Sussex public, with other volunteer-led services co-ordinated through the SRF including community hubs, packing and delivering food parcels to shielded residents and providing support to those most vulnerable in the community.

The work stream responsible for managing logistics, comprising staff from Sussex Police, East Sussex Fire and Rescue and the Military amongst others working side by side, has also taken a number of one-off deliveries of PPE, which have been distributed to health and social care locations across Sussex such as care homes and voluntary services.

Dave Miller, Assistant Chief Constable, Sussex Police, and SRF Chair said: "The public of Sussex have really come together since our response to this public

health emergency began.

"There are so many ways in which communities are supporting this effort. Heroic volunteers are bringing their time, expertise and resources to enabling the essential work of key workers and helping the most vulnerable. Agencies across the SRF have mobilised to enable this effort alongside their existing workload, keeping vital public services running. We also really appreciate the support of the wider public, through alerting us to their PPE via this appeal and responding to the public health pleas to stay at home.

"We continue our appeal to businesses, the public and organisations to get in contact if they have remaining supplies of PPE which could help us in the face of COVID-19.

"If you have any of the items below, please email the details to sussexresilienceforum@sussex.pnn.police.uk."

Items required:

- Protective goggles
- Disposable aprons
- Small, medium and large disposable gloves
- IIR face masks
- FFP3 face masks
- Hand sanitiser

Thank you again.

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