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Dear Stakeholder,

Department of Health and Social Care PPE Telephone Survey

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has commissioned NatCen Social Research to carry out a short survey about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) use, requirements, and stock levels in care homes.

We appreciate all care settings are incredibly busy and due to the impact of COVID-19 are under a great deal of additional pressure. We are also aware many care homes may have already responded to other surveys and requests for information about PPE stock and supply, however the data collected by this survey have not been collected elsewhere in the level of detail needed for our work.

The information collected through this survey will be used to build a picture of current national needs for PPE in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic and in turn allow detailed forecasts of PPE usage in the future, inform planning to meet those needs and identify where appropriate government policy action is required. The current estimated requirement for PPE in social care is significant, and we need to engage with care homes so we can better understand in detail how care homes use PPE and obtain their supplies.

The survey will contact a random sample of 1000 care homes by email prior to a telephone interview. The interview should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. There will be an option for care homes to book a call at a specific time convenient to them, and they may also opt out of the survey at any point.

If your members are contacted by NatCen Social Research inviting them to participate in 'The Department of Health and Social Care PPE Telephone Survey' please assure them that the survey has indeed been commissioned by the Department, and the information they provide will be a valuable contribution to planning to meet future PPE needs. If you or your members have any queries about this work, please get in touch.

May I thank you and your members in advance for your help with this important work.

Yours sincerely,

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