**PPE Portal: Phase 2**

We have currently invited residential care homes with 24 or fewer beds and domiciliary care providers with 99 or fewer client to use the PPE Portal. We are now looking forward to the next phase of the PPE Portal rollout, and plan to invite larger social care providers to use the portal and order free PPE.

The current order limits offered on the PPE Portal will currently only meet a small proportion of your PPE needs, as we go through this onboarding process. For the time being, please continue to use your existing supply routes as your main source of PPE, turning to the portal for an emergency top-up.

The Department of Health and Social Care continues to analyse future PPE supply arrangements to ensure resilience in the face of the continuing COVID-19 pressures. We therefore want to onboard this sector onto the portal now to ensure that if they need to order PPE from the portal over the coming months, they are set and ready to do so.

Providers will receive an email invitation to register with the PPE Portal between Monday 3rd August and Friday 7th August 2020. This will be sent to the email address associated with your CQC registration.

More information on what items are available for your sector and size will be made available from Monday 3rd August on the DHSC Guidance page here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ppe-portal-how-to-order-emergency-personal-protective-equipment>

If you have any queries, including wishing to change your email address or struggling to register, please contact our Customer Service team at 0800 876 6802 who will be able to help support you and resolve your queries. Please wait until close of play on Friday 7th August before enquiring about not receiving an invitation.

Thank you for your continued work to keep people safe.