

**Emergency PPE Supplies for People who use Direct Payments to Purchase Social Care Support**

We are writing to you because you receive a Direct Payment (DP) from Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP). We wanted to make you aware of a new development about Public Protection Equipment (PPE) which was announced by the Scottish Government this week. From the 27th April 2020, small, emergency supplies of PPE can be requested by people who receive DPs. It is important to say that the responsibility for providing PPE for Personal Assistants (PAs) remains with the DP holder as the employer. What is being made available to DP holders through the new system, is a short term supply of PPE which can be called on in emergencies.

This has been introduced because of the difficulties some people are experiencing when they are trying to buy PPE from their usual suppliers.

If you are not sure about whether your PAs need to wear PPE, please check the Government Guidance. You can find this online at: [www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-ppe-for-personal-assistants/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-ppe-for-personal-assistants/)

For the latest information on COVID and social care please go to: [www.gov.scot/policies/social-care/latest/](http://www.gov.scot/policies/social-care/latest/).

Under the new Government arrangements, you may be able to access emergency PPE supplies if:

- You employ your own Personal Assistants AND you cannot buy PPE through your usual suppliers or there is a delay in your PPE supplies arriving or some of the PPE items you need are not available

To help us make best use of the resources available, please let us know if:

- You have tested positive for Co-vid 19 or
- You have symptoms of Co-vid 19 or
- You have received a "Shielding Letter" from the NHS or
- You have underlying health conditions which make you more vulnerable to Co-vid 19.

**If you want to request a delivery of emergency PPE please contact Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (GCIL)**, independent provider of SDS support, advice, guidance, payroll, training, housing, employment and consultancy services.

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GCIL are based in Glasgow and have kindly agreed to co-ordinate the requests for emergency PPE from DP holders and pass them on to GCHSCP. GCHSCP will then assess these and arrange for any emergency supplies of PPE it can provide, to be delivered to your home address, or to be collected if that is easier for you.

### **Glasgow Centre for Inclusive Living (GCIL)**

**Phone** 0141 550 4455 (Typetalk calls welcome)

British Sign Language (BSL) users can contact GCIL direct using: [Contact Scotland-BSL](#)  
Please note: phone lines are open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Email** <mailto:gcil@gcil.org.uk>

**Website:** [www.gcil.org.uk/](http://www.gcil.org.uk/)

If you have any other query in relation to social care or have a concern for someone you know please contact Social Work Services - Social Care Direct who will provide help or assistance. You can contact them below:

### **Social Work Services - Social Care Direct**

**Phone** 0141 287 0555

**Textphone** 18001 0141 287 0555

**Email** Adult Services: [socialcaredirect@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:socialcaredirect@glasgow.gov.uk)

**Email** Children and Families Services: [scdchildrenandfamilies@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:scdchildrenandfamilies@glasgow.gov.uk)

Social Care Direct is available during the following times:

- Monday to Thursday 08.45 - 16.45
- Friday 08.45 - 15.55

In an emergency situation outside of these times please contact Glasgow and Partners Emergency Social Work Services on:

- **0300 343 1505**