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Deputy Holly Cairns

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PQ 44376-21 – Deputy Holly Cairns: To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all staff in his Department and public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit who, by necessity of their work have to come into close proximity with others, including other employees or members of the public are provided with medical grade masks in the EN14683 category; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cairns,

Thank you for your representation. In relation to the healthcare setting the current guidance for the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Possible or Confirmed COVID 19 in a pandemic setting is available via the following link.

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance/infectionpreventionandcontrolguidance/ppe/Current%20recommendations%20for%20the%20use%20of%20PPE.pdf>

This guidance includes recommendations on the type of mask to be used for both clinical and non-clinical staff. Personal Protective Equipment is provided to clinical and non-clinical health care staff to carry out their roles safely and effectively as outline in the guidance

I hope this provides you with assistance

Yours sincerely,

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