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## **A THANK YOU AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SEWING COMMUNITY OF NORTH WALES FROM BCUHB**

**Thank you to all of the crafters that are voluntarily producing items for BCUHB staff! You are amazing!**

There are now many enthusiastic sewing communities and machinists across North Wales offering their expertise and skills to provide additional hats & scrubs for BCUHB staff that may need them and laundry bags for BCUHB staff. Thank you to everyone in the sewing community that has so passionately got involved in making garments and the much-needed laundry bags at this challenging time. It is BCUHB's intention to work with the voluntary sewing community to ensure that BCUHB staff can access additional items that may be needed as we all manage the covid-19 pandemic. BCUHB needs to have confidence in the design, materials, manufacture and decontamination of any product that BCUHB staff are using before it is issued for use by staff.

### **Important information:**

BCUHB is working with the voluntary sewing community in North Wales to ensure the best quality PPE can be produced for key workers. BCUHB is not acting as a supplier of PPE to other agencies. Should representatives from other agencies wish to contact BCUHB's Voluntary PPE Coordinators for advice or guidance they can do so here: <https://awyrilas.org.uk/ppe-enquiries-north-wales>

### **BCUHB Clothing request list:**

Technical support and patterns for the below listed item can be found on either [the North Wales for the love of scrubs-Our NHS needs you](#) or [Sewing for the NHS-Wrexham North Wales](#) Facebook pages

#### Scrubs:

Please note that not all BCUHB staff need to wear scrubs, normal uniform and workwear is also acceptable. The additional scrubs that may be needed must be light weight scrubs, which can be worn underneath PPE. These scrubs need to be made of polycotton, cotton or cotton mix and be able to be washed at temperatures of at least 60c, and can tolerate a hot iron and or tumble dry. We would ask that you do not use material that is Blue, Green or Navy but any other variety of colour or pattern can be used. All sizes are required.

#### Hair coveralls/Scrub hats:

Please note, not all BCUHB staff need to wear these and it is not classed as PPE. They are used to keep hair tidy and off the face. These can be made from any coloured or patterned polycotton, cotton or cotton mix material that can be washed at 60c and can tolerate a hot iron and or tumble dry.

#### Head bands:

These are used to keep hair off the face and prevent ears from becoming sore from the elastic of the surgical masks. These can be made of any coloured or patterned polycotton, cotton or cotton mix material that can be washed at 60c and can tolerate a hot iron and or tumble dry.

#### Mask extenders:

These are used to reduce the pressure of the elastic surgical face mask staff's ears. These can be made from coloured or patterned material that can be washed at 60c and can tolerate a hot iron and or tumble dry. There is no restriction in design or material used.

#### Laundry Bags:

The laundry bags are urgently needed. These are so BCUHB staff can take dirty uniforms/workwear home to be washed. The uniform remains in the laundry bag during the washing process. These can be made out



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**Patient Bags:**

These are to be used for patient laundry and belongings and need to be pillow case size made from plain polycotton, cotton or cotton mix material that can be washed at 60c and can tolerate a hot iron and or tumble dry.

**How Makers can help with distribution to Key Workers**

All makers in North Wales are respectfully asked to NOT deliver made items to any BCUHB hospital sites. PLEASE register as a member of the sewing community, so you can be informed of the official drop off points for the items you are making.

Please register here: <https://awyrlas.org.uk/covid19offersofsupport>. If you register here, the BCUHB Voluntary PPE Coordinators can then make contact with you to discuss our clothing designs, the materials you are using and the supply of raw materials if required, and drop off sites. They can help you make sure your clothing is of the very best quality, and that you are making the most in demand items, and of course say Thank You and give you the recognition you so deserve!

**Thank you again for your help! Thank you for thinking about your community.  
Thank you for protecting your NHS and our staff.**