

Core brief

Message from Jane Grant, Chief Executive

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The messages over the past few days from Jeane Freeman, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport, and Jason Leitch, National Clinical Director, reminding people that the NHS remains open for business are important ones.

Whilst we have had to pause and postpone some of our activity to enable us to respond to the pandemic, emergency and urgent care continues to be provided to adults and children.

I am grateful to all staff who work within unscheduled care for swiftly adapting to the unprecedented circumstances brought on by COVID-19 and for continuing to provide high quality care to all those who need it in an emergency.

Equally as important as treating the patients who need emergency care is that we also take care of ourselves. In the past week one of our emergency department consultants has developed an important set of messages which we should all look to follow.

[Keeping COVID-19 out of your home](#) provides really useful tips to keep you and your household safe, both physically and mentally.

For most, if not all, of us our work life is now dedicated to the response to the virus, and to add to this, technology means we're bombarded day and night with constant COVID-19 news updates on TV, radio and across social media. I would encourage all of you to take heed of the guidance from the poster to help enable you to unwind when you come off duty and separate your work life from your home life.

It is likely that these challenging circumstances will continue for some time and being able to effectively switch off and recharge our batteries will play an increasingly important role as the weeks roll on.

I want to close my message today with a special word of thanks to our Procurement Team. The team have been working tirelessly over the past few weeks to source, allocate and distribute hundreds of thousands of items of equipment to the whole organisation. Despite the challenges in the supply and distribution of PPE that have been experienced nationally and, indeed, internationally, the team have done a magnificent job of sourcing PPE to keep staff protected and I am grateful to them for all that they are doing.

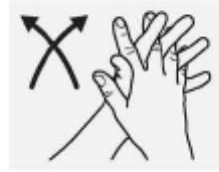
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