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Dear Colleagues

Personal Protective Equipment in Domiciliary Care – COVID-19

Firstly, I would like to thank you for the care and support you continue to provide in what is a very challenging time for all those working in Social Care settings. I recognise that you have been receiving a high volume of communication on COVID-19 and on how we can provide the best possible care for our citizens. We are committed to working in partnership with Domiciliary Care Providers to achieve this.

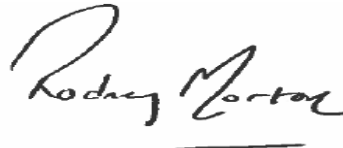
The Department of Health has produced guidance for Domiciliary Care (<https://tinyurl.com/rx623f9>). This document contains guidance on use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The Public Health Agency have produced a poster to reflect this guidance, showing the correct PPE to use when caring for a citizen with symptoms, or who has a diagnosis of COVID-19. This poster was communicated through HSC Directors of Nursing and the Chief Executive of RQIA earlier this week.

Please note, the guidance may change as we learn more about COVID-19. Please continue to refer to online resources at <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus> for the most up to date information.

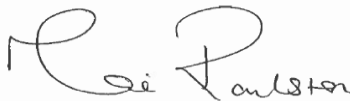
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