

## Observation Topic of the Month - Use and availability of Personal Protective Equipment



Is use of PPE stipulated as a control measure in your departments risk assessments?



Are staff trained in the correct use of the PPE and why it needs to be worn?



Are staff wearing the appropriate PPE when carrying out tasks that require it?



Does wearing the PPE cause staff any discomfort?



Is PPE stored appropriately to protect it against damage, loss or contamination?



Is the PPE that staff are using readily available and provided by NHSBT?

Please feedback to the team all the positive information from your observation and congratulate them on what they did correctly. Any suggestions for improvement should be put to the team as a question as per the behavioural safety training and also collated onto a near-miss postcard and return it to the health, safety and wellbeing team.