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Dear Tom

Re-Certification for Expired PPE

Thank you for your letter dated 22 October 2020.

I raised this issue with Warren myself early on in the Red alert after staff working in the urgent dental centres reported concerns to us.

HIW has been assured that the testing undertaken by NHS Wales Shared Services in advance of making the decision to issue the stock of FFP3 masks was robust and sufficient to mitigate any risks associated with the potential deterioration of materials used in the construction of the masks themselves.

I would ask you to assure your members that HIW are fully aware of these items being in circulation. All inspectors will be briefed on this issue and made aware that practices should not be judged negatively if FFP3 masks with expired use by dates are still in use.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter.

Yours sincerely



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