

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update from Cllr Gareth Roberts 3 April 2020

Cllr Gareth Roberts: Hello, normally my videos are addressed to residents of Richmond, however, this evening I'm making a direct appeal to Matt Hancock, Secretary of State to make sure that we get the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies that we need. Last night, on Question Time, you said that there was plenty of supplies, however, they were lockdowned in the White House at the moment and it was difficult to get them out to us. We have frontline staff who are relying on PPE supplies, whether they are in our care homes, whether they are social workers or those working with our vulnerable children, who need to ensure they stay safe so they can keep others safe. Please release the equipment. We need it now. We need it more than ever. We received a delivery last Friday which was woefully inadequate, just 5,000 units. So, if you can release the equipment, please do so. And if it's a question of logistics, if you can't get it to us, we will come to the depot and collect it. Please give us the equipment we need to make sure that our residents stay safe during this pandemic. Thank you.