

Media Release

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Jersey dentists enable the supply of essential surgical masks

At a time when all health and care providers are struggling with a global shortage of PPE equipment for their staff, a Jersey based dentist and dental engineer have assisted Guernsey by introducing a new supply chain for surgical masks.

As a result HSC has, today, received 300,000 surgical masks to add to its existing stock.

Chris Martin of Indigo Dental and Matt Drieu of Drieu Dental said:

‘As health professionals we were pleased to be able to help our colleagues in Guernsey source these essential supplies and facilitate the delivery on the overnight boat.

This morning, having obtained the necessary permits, Jersey Seafaris a local Jersey company who provide rib trips and charters, brought us over to Guernsey to check and sign off the shipment before delivery to the Princess Elizabeth Hospital.

Helen Ridgwick, Senior Procurement Manager said:

‘This is a fantastic example of how health professionals can work together to help each other during these really challenging times.

HSC has a number of different supply chains all with orders placed for PPE. This current delivery has significantly boosted our stocks for the next few weeks.’

Deputy Soulsby, HSC President said:

‘I would like to thank Matt and Chris on behalf of the Committee and staff for assisting with the supply of this essential PPE.

We knew #GuernseyTogether was helping us get through this pandemic. This example of #IslandsTogether is heart-warming at this difficult time.’

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