

LLWR donates protective suits to Ambulance Service in Cumbria to fight COVID-19

LLW Repository Ltd (LLWR) has donated 560 new protective Tyvek suits to the North West Ambulance Service in Egremont to support the fight against the coronavirus pandemic in Cumbria and further afield.

The hooded coveralls, a type used routinely on the Repository Site, were delivered to LLWR's local station by Martin Walkingshaw, Deputy Managing Director, after an appeal for help.

"It was an urgent request and we were really glad that we were able to respond to it," said Martin.

Tyvek is a durable yet light material that acts as a barrier against fine particles and fibres and the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be used to protect ambulance crews handling coronavirus patients in Cumbria as well as in Manchester, Cheshire and Merseyside.

Rhonda Stanger, Acting Sector Manager, NW Ambulance Service NHS Trust, said: "We were struggling to procure PPE at the time of LLWR's donation. It gave us quite a bit of resilience and we are really appreciative of that."

Martin revealed that LLWR is planning further assistance to the NHS in Cumbria.

"We have now identified more PPE that can be released from LLWR. All requests for support are being routed via the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum and its Multi Agency Support Team," he added.

"If you know of any organisations that needs PPE or may be able to contribute any please tell them to contact the MAST via email: MAST@cumbria.gov.uk".