

LLWR makes second donation of personal protective equipment to fight COVID-19

LLW Repository Ltd (LLWR) has made a second major donation of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to support the NHS's battle against COVID-19 in Cumbria.

Following an initial donation of 560 all-in-one protective suits to LLWR's local North West Ambulance Service Station in Egremont last week, the company has delivered an even larger consignment to the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum at Lillyhall.

A further 733 protective suits, 1,800 pairs of gloves and 89 face masks and respirators were handed over at the Forum's Distribution Centre. Gary Cunningham, LLWR's Head of Operations, thanked members of the company's workforce who turned out at the Repository Site to support this effort, adding: "The suits we donated to NW Ambulance Service last week were operational stock. "But this latest donation required us to think very carefully about how much more PPE we could provide, while retaining enough to deal with any emergency that might arise at LLWR. "The team had to comb the site, checking every building and storage area to confirm our PPE inventory was correct before separating out the majority of it ready for donation."

As with LLWR's initial donation to the NW Ambulance Service, the PPE was delivered by Martin Walkingshaw, Deputy Managing Director. He said: "A key part of our response to COVID-19 is to help other organisations deal with the pandemic wherever we can.

"The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) has given us their complete support on this, and we knew there was more PPE at the site we could safely offer up. "Gary and the team did a fantastic job and we're all pleased to be able to support the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum and their team at the Lillyhall Distribution Centre."

Martin added: "The need for PPE in Cumbria is urgent – any local businesses or suppliers who have PPE to donate need to contact the County Council as soon as they can via email MAST@cumbria.gov.uk". The Cumbria Local Resilience Forum is a multi-agency partnership comprising representatives from local public services, including the emergency services, local authorities, the NHS, Environment Agency and others, helping lead the response to the pandemic in the county.