

**From:** Health and Social Care Committee  
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**To:** David Osborn, Health and Safety Consultant, Trident HS&E Ltd  
**cc:** Health and Social Care Committee; Greg CLARK; Science And Technology Committee  
**Subject:** RE: Evidence to H&SC Select Cttee ignored : Healthcare workers endangered across UK

Dear Mr Osborn

Thank you for your letter regarding the supply of PPE equipment to health and social care staff during the pandemic.

Our inquiry into the Government's pandemic response, which was jointly conducted with the Science & Technology Committee (not the Public Accounts Committee as you state in your letter), considered a wide range of issues not limited to the impact of the pandemic on health and social care services. For instance, we also considered the role of scientific advice to the Government, the use of Test and Trace, the development and roll-out of vaccines, and the adoption of other non-pharmaceutical interventions to control the pandemic.

Our priority was to balance comprehensiveness with speed, so that we could rapidly learn lessons from the first waves of the pandemic and shape the Government's future response. This inevitably meant that we were unable to consider every issue that arose during the pandemic. In the case of the supply of personal protective equipment, this was considered [in detail in a separate inquiry](#) by the Public Accounts Committee.

I am sorry that you were disappointed by the extent to which our own report covered these issues, but I note that the terms of reference for the [public inquiry](#) include the distribution of PPE and would encourage you to engage with that inquiry if you feel that there are lessons still to be learnt.

Best wishes

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