

**From the Head of Safety Strategy Unit**  
Brian Godfrey

**By e-mail**

**For Action:**

HSC Trusts Chief Executives  
HSCB Chief Executive

*For cascade to:*

- *General Practitioners*
- *Community pharmacies*
- *Community Dentists*

Chief Executive BSO

Chief Executive RQIA

*For cascade to:*

- *All independent providers including independent hospitals*

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**For Information:**

PHA Chief Executive

Dear Colleagues

**TIGER EYE PROTECTOR PRODUCT – REMOVAL FROM THE SUPPLY CHAIN  
IN RESPECT OF COVID19 USE**

**Action**

Remove the following product immediately from the supply chain and from any service use location:

**Product details**

Tiger Medical Products: Protective Goggles and Frames

Product Codes PG0001 – F and PG0001-L

Barcode for Frames: 6948548400132; Barcode for Lenses: 6948548400224

NPC for Frames (BTP083 and BTP403) and Lenses (BTP097, BTP404 and BTP439)

**Background**

British Standards Institution 2020 (BSI), at the request of the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), have carried out a test on Tiger Eye protective goggles and frames that originated from the Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Programme (PIPP) Stock purchased in 2009.

The test has shown the product **does not meet** the current requirement for splash protection required in BSN 166 (including certain testing requirements documented in BSN 168). As a result, this product should not be used in a Covid-19 setting, and should be removed from the supply chain.

Staff in your organisation may already have used the above Tiger Eye Protector product for non-Aerosol Generating Procedures (AGPs). The risk from using it in direct patient contact when not performing AGPs is limited.

Current Infection Prevention and Control guidance recommends that a full face shield or visor should be used when performing AGPs, so these Tiger masks should not have been used for AGPs. However if staff have used the product when performing AGPs or if otherwise they have been exposed to droplets or splashes you should communicate this to HSE through the RIDDOR route  
<https://www.hseni.gov.uk/report-incident>

Please give this matter your immediate attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian Godfrey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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