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This information message is sent to draw the attention of Equipment Co-ordinators to information which may be relevant to the safety of equipment and facilities in NHS Boards and Local Authorities. Please find the information attached and some additional information below.

- NHS England / NHS Improvement published this Estates and Facilities Alert (EFA) in England on 31 March 2020
- It highlights general issues which may arise with oxygen supply during the COVID-19 pandemic that also apply in Scotland
- It's publication is prompted by revised guidelines around the use of non-invasive ventilation (NIV), and particularly continuous positive airway pressure ventilation (CPAP) which were issued by NHS England / NHS Improvement on 26 March 2020 ([click here for that guidance](#)).
- In addition to those addressed in the alert onward cascade should also include:
 - Respiratory Leads
 - Critical Care Leads
 - Medical Physics Technical Managers
 - Directors of Estates and Facilities
- All enquiries in Scotland should be to IRIC in the first instance (see contact details below)

As the Equipment Co-ordinator for your organisation, we recommend that you assess whether or not to forward this information to managers and staff within your area of responsibility who might benefit from being aware of it.

If you received this message directly from IRIC, email us at nss.irc@nhs.uk or phone 0131 275 7575 quoting the IM reference number. Alternatively, if you have received this message from someone in your own organisation, please direct all enquiries to them and they will liaise with IRIC as required.

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