**Several major hospital trusts are telling staff to use personal protective equipment in a wider set of areas than recommended by current national guidance, amid staff concern and reports of doctors refusing work without it.**

It comes as national medical leaders seek to address concerns in a [new letter](https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/03/personal-protection-equipment-letter-28-march-2020.pdf) (see below).

HSJ has seen guidance sent to staff at University Hospitals of Leicester earlier this week which tells staff: “Whenever you enter a clinical area you should wear a face mask.” It also indicates that in all areas, regardless of the patients being treated, all staff should wear eye protection, a plastic apron and one layer of gloves.

HSJ was told that nearby Northampton General Hospital had followed suit with the broad PPE recommendation.