## Hancock lying to MPs over claims there was no PPE shortage



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Matt Hancock is lying to MP's when he claims there was no Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shortage during the pandemic, say GMB Union.

The Health Secretary told a committee of MP's 'there was never a point at which NHS providers couldn't get access to PPE'.



GMB members across the NHS reported shortages of PPE on numerous occasions and GMB contacted the Department of Health and Social Care on several occasions to raise this.

At one stage GMB NHS members were even issued with emergency guidance advising people to reuse disposable PPE.

## Rachel Harrison, GMB National Officer, said:

"Matt Hancock either has no idea what happened under his watch during the pandemic, or he is lying through his teeth.

"Our NHS members have been let down by the Government throughout the crisis – and lack of proper PPE is probably their number one complaint.

"Many were left terrified for their lives treating covid positive patients with either inadequate or nonexistent PPE.

"It appears Mr Hancock is either too incompetent or too untrustworthy to remain Health Secretary."

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