



Porters at Coronavirus-hit hospital told PPE 'should only be worn after advice'

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Porters at Coronavirus-hit hospital have been told they should only wear personal protection equipment on the 'advice of a clinical colleague'.

The guidance was given Staff working for Mitie at Epsom and St Helier.

GMB Union is very concerned about the advice and demands all frontline health service workers are issued with the appropriate PPE at all times to protect themselves and patients and to prevent the spread of this virus.

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Advice given to frontline health service workers has to be consistent and with health and



safety as the first priority.

Helen O Connor, GMB Organiser, said:

“This advice is wrong, potentially dangerous and does nothing to protect staff or patients.

If there is one thing to be learnt from this pandemic is that outsourcing companies are simply not up to the job of keeping their own staff and the public safe.

“All NHS frontline services need to be brought back in house as a matter of priority.”

