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## New BIR survey shows increase in the proportion of imaging and oncology professionals who believe they have adequate COVID-19 PPE, testing or cleaning supplies

The British Institute of Radiology (BIR) conducted two surveys of imaging and oncology professionals spaced approximately a month apart. The first was between 29 April and 1 May 2020, completed by 561 UK based radiographers, 81 sonographers, 65 radiologists, 11 scientists working in healthcare and 6 oncologists. The second survey was between 27 May and 1 June 2020 and was completed by 261 UK based radiographers, 30 sonographers, 80 radiologists, 13 scientists working in healthcare and 6 oncologists.

The results showed some improvement: In the second survey, a higher proportion of each of the professional groups believed there was adequate provision of COVID-19 PPE, testing, cleaning supplies and cleaning staff. There was also more optimism about future provision.

### Comparison of proportion of respondents saying they believe supplies are 'adequate' – Apr/May survey and May/June survey

To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY									
	'Adequate'								
	Radiographers		Sonographers		Radiologists & oncologists		Scientists		
	April/May	May/June	April/May	May/June	April/May	May/June	April/May	May/June	
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	36%	57%	36%	66%	55%	65%	45%	54%	
COVID-19 PPE for patients	35%	48%	35%	39%	41%	51%	45%	62%	
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	24%	31%	24%	38%	33%	39%	18%	62%	
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	2%	7%	2%	7%	5%	8%	0%	31%	
Cleaning supplies & equipment	44%	55%	44%	52%	51%	59%	45%	54%	
Cleaning staff	35%	44%	35%	45%	55%	50%	45%	38%	

How much confidence do you have that there will be adequate provision (where you work) to deal with the situation as you can envisage it developing within the NEXT THREE MONTHS?									
	'Adequate'								
	Radiographers		Sonographers		Radiologists & oncologists		Scientists		
	April/May	May/June	April/May	May/June	April/May	May/June	April/May	May/June	
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	20%	46%	20%	60%	41%	59%	36%	54%	
COVID-19 PPE for patients	21%	40%	21%	40%	38%	52%	36%	62%	
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	31%	37%	31%	52%	42%	53%	45%	62%	
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	5%	17%	5%	14%	16%	16%	0%	46%	
Cleaning supplies & equipment	35%	54%	35%	43%	53%	58%	36%	46%	
Cleaning staff	35%	46%	35%	37%	51%	49%	45%	46%	

UK Imaging and oncology professionals | 29 April - 1 May 2020 | BIR online survey

## UK radiographer responses - May/June survey

UK radiographers   27 Mar - 1 June 2020					
To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	57%	25%	13%	5%	0%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	48%	21%	14%	5%	12%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	31%	18%	25%	18%	8%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	7%	7%	24%	36%	26%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	55%	32%	8%	5%	0%
Cleaning staff	44%	28%	14%	8%	6%

UK radiographers   27 Mar - 1 June 2020					
How much confidence do you have that there will be adequate provision (where you work) to deal with the situation as you can envisage it developing within the NEXT THREE MONTHS?					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	46%	28%	16%	7%	3%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	40%	27%	16%	3%	14%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	37%	20%	21%	11%	12%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	17%	15%	23%	17%	28%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	54%	25%	11%	4%	6%
Cleaning staff	46%	23%	14%	7%	10%

## UK sonographer responses - May/June survey

UK sonographers   27 Mar - 1 June 2020					
To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	66%	24%	10%	0%	0%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	39%	21%	25%	4%	11%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	38%	14%	21%	21%	7%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	7%	3%	17%	48%	24%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	52%	34%	10%	3%	0%
Cleaning staff	45%	31%	0%	14%	10%

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COVID-19 PPE for patients	40%	23%	23%	3%	10%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	52%	21%	7%	17%	3%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	14%	17%	14%	34%	21%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	43%	37%	10%	3%	7%
Cleaning staff	37%	37%	3%	10%	13%

## UK radiologist and oncologist responses - May/June survey

UK radiologists and oncologists   27 March - 1 June 2020					
To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	65%	21%	8%	5%	1%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	51%	17%	16%	6%	11%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	39%	22%	16%	13%	10%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	8%	8%	18%	32%	34%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	59%	26%	8%	2%	6%
Cleaning staff	50%	20%	16%	3%	11%

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COVID-19 PPE for patients	52%	21%	12%	7%	8%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	53%	20%	11%	8%	9%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	16%	20%	14%	16%	33%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	58%	21%	8%	3%	10%
Cleaning staff	49%	23%	11%	3%	13%

## UK scientist working in healthcare responses - May/June survey

UK scientists in healthcare   27 Mar - 1 June 2020					
To what extent do you believe there is adequate provision (where you work) in the following areas to deal with the current situation as it is TODAY					
	Adequate	Almost adequate	Not adequate	Very inadequate	Don't know/NA
COVID-19 PPE for people in your specific role	54%	31%	0%	8%	8%
COVID-19 PPE for patients	62%	15%	8%	0%	15%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	62%	15%	0%	15%	8%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	31%	0%	8%	31%	31%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	54%	15%	8%	15%	8%
Cleaning staff	38%	31%	15%	0%	15%

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COVID-19 PPE for patients	62%	31%	8%	0%	0%
COVID-19 testing for people in your specific role	62%	31%	0%	8%	0%
Antibody testing for people in your specific role	46%	8%	15%	0%	31%
Cleaning supplies & equipment	46%	23%	8%	8%	15%
Cleaning staff	46%	23%	15%	0%	15%

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## **Notes to Editors**

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