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To whom it may concern,

Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS) is a registered charity that provides advanced clinical responders who volunteer their services to give specialised medical assistance at major trauma incidents, such as road traffic collisions, industrial and farm accidents, falls from height and serious medical emergencies, such as cardiac arrest. We have been saving lives in Norfolk for nearly 50 years, attending call-outs that require more training, specialist equipment, and drugs than the East of England Ambulance Service Trust can offer. This enhances the level of care provided for patients suffering serious injury or acute medical illness. All our members are volunteers, and our organisation is funded solely by donations.

Our work during these unprecedented times means that we're having to adapt to a new way of working and are all getting used to operating in a very different world. As part of doing so and in order to protect our volunteer clinicians, we like the NHS are having to take new measures in terms of offering personal protective equipment to ensure the safety of those volunteering for us. This is both costly and increasingly difficult to source. We are currently in the process of sourcing protective suits, masks and filters which we are able to purchase through a protected supply chain. We wondered whether you might be able to help us with the cost of the following items:

Full Face Mask with Visor and face seal - £65

Dust Filters - £10

Protective Hooded Coverall - £10

We need a continuous restocking of these items to ensure we safely protect our volunteer clinicians while they respond to critically ill or injured patients, as well as continuing to fund vital costs such as fuel and medical equipment.

During this difficult period, it is fundamental we can provide our each of our volunteers with the correct protective equipment to mitigate the risk of infecting our team. I would be happy to provide further information or indeed complete an application form if you feel that this is something that you can support.

Thank you for your time.

Yours faithfully,



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