

## Dräger opens multi-million pound UK PPE factory in the North East

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- Dräger has launched a new multi-million pound manufacturing facility to produce high grade filtering face piece (FFP) masks in the UK.
- The factory has opened in response to the UK Government's call to tackle the unprecedented demand for PPE, including FFP masks.
- The site allows for mass production within the UK with deliveries already made to NHS hospitals around the country.
- Following the factory opening, 40 new skilled jobs have been created along with other investment in the area.

Gateshead - Draeger Safety UK Ltd, part of The Dräger Group, an international leader in the fields of medical and safety technology, has today officially opened a new manufacturing facility in Gateshead, expanding its ongoing commitment to the North East of England. The new site, which will produce FFP3 face masks to fulfil a Government contract to supply UK manufactured PPE for front-line workers, is Dräger's second site in the region. The company's other site, located at Blyth in Northumberland, manufactures a wide range of safety equipment.

Malcolm Irving, Head of Global Supply Chain Safety Division at Dräger, commented on the new site, "We're very proud to officially open this new manufacturing facility in Gateshead. The production lines are now operational and the first orders have been delivered to NHS hospitals.

"The new site has established a sustainable UK-production base to manufacture high volumes and to provide a long-term solution for the supply of high protection FFP masks for our NHS workforce and other front-line workers."

Complying with lockdown regulations, the site was opened virtually by Councillor Michael Hood, the Mayor of Gateshead and attended online by Rainer Klug, Dräger Executive Board member for safety division and other members of the Dräger Safety UK team.

Dräger worked closely with local representatives, including, the Academic Health Science Network for the North East and North Cumbria (AHSN NENC), to secure the order and with Gateshead Council to acquire the new site.

Health Minister Jo Churchill said, "I am delighted that Dräger's new PPE facility is opening in Gateshead. The factory will create new jobs in the area, making

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and delivering millions of FFP3 facemasks to our frontline health and social care workers.

“We have been working tirelessly to deliver PPE throughout the pandemic, with around 32 billion items ordered and over 7.3 billion items delivered to the frontline.

“This represents another significant milestone in establishing a UK PPE manufacturing industry to help us continue this vital work and build a more resilient supply chain in the future.”

Dräger’s reputation has been built on 131 years of protecting lives. In addition to FFP masks, the company has a wide range of medical and safety equipment to protect, support and help save lives whilst securing the welfare of professionals on a daily basis. Dräger’s products ranges from hospital ventilators and breathing apparatus to monitors, right through to gas detectors.

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