The Cardiff artist Nathan Wyburn created this collage during the covid-19 lockdown from hundreds of images sent to him by health workers.

Wyburn put out a request on social media for NHS workers to send him pictures of themselves and was taken aback by the number he received. “The response was overwhelming, with over 200 photos sent in,” he says.

He put the images together digitally to form the picture of a health worker wearing a mask. The collage has also been printed on T shirts and hoodies to raise money for the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board’s charity and has been displayed printed on 4 m high banners around the board’s sites.

Wyburn says the collage is his way to show his appreciation for the work of NHS staff. “This is my thank you for your hard work, your courage, and your heart during this trying time,” he says. “It’s emotional to me, as this collage contains many of my best friends. You are all superheroes.”

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