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## COVID-19: Update

NHS LPP is working tirelessly to ensure the NHS gets the business advice and support it needs to deal with coronavirus. Please see below for the first of our weekly updates outlining how we are supporting trusts to respond to COVID-19.

### Supporting our members

Contingency plans have been put in place across the organisation to mitigate interruptions to our services and teams across the organisation are reprioritising procurements to support supply of essential products and services.

We have had a number of requests from trusts to support their organisations with NHS LPP resources during this challenging time. We are fully committed to supporting our members in every way possible – so we are first mobilising all NHS LPP resources to ensure our resilience plans are robust and we can continue to provide our core services to the NHS. We will keep members informed over the coming weeks if capacity becomes available to also provide support with their resourcing requirements.

The **Medicines Optimisation and Pharmacy Procurement (MOPP)** team are continuing to work with the Department of Health and Social Care, the Commercial Medicines Unit, other regions, trusts and CCGs to support the increased use of some medicines during this time, and to help with continuity of supply where there are medicines shortages.

Our **Estates, Facilities and Professional Services** team are contacting suppliers who need to attend NHS premises to ask them to check specific trust policies for receiving people onsite in advance. Suppliers have also been reminded to ensure that anyone attending a trust is carrying staff ID and knows the contact name and department of the person who has requested the service. Please see the reminder for suppliers on our website [here](#). If your trust has any specific entry policies you would like to share with our team to pass on to suppliers, please get in touch at [LPPEFPS@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:LPPEFPS@gstt.nhs.uk)

Our **Workforce** team have been in touch with our top 50 recruitment agencies for key staff to remind them of the need to support their workers and follow local trust policies during the COVID-19 outbreak. The team will this week be issuing advice to agencies and trusts on how to manage essential training revalidation for clinical staff during this time.

### Our work with suppliers

We have contacted our supplier base to request their resilience plans to share with members. Almost 1000 suppliers were contacted, of which more than 20 percent have responded to date with their resilience plans. We will share this information on My LPP with our members in the coming days.

We are also identifying suppliers of critical goods and services during the crisis and are contacting them with detailed questions to gather helpful information for our members. We will keep members informed as soon as this information is available



## Your questions answered

Our team have been supporting members and suppliers with answers to their questions. We are collecting these questions and our responses and will be sharing a link to the list in the next update.

## Coronavirus guidance

A new government **Policy Procurement Notice (PPN)** has been published setting out information and guidance on the public procurement regulations and responding to the current COVID-19 outbreak.

**Latest public information and advice on COVID-19 from:**

- [NHS website](#)
- [GOV.UK](#)

**Additional information/resources:** Ian Phoenix, Director of Technology at NHS Digital has confirmed [Microsoft Teams](#) will be available to all NHS mail users for free from 16th March.

## Get in touch

Please continue to reach out to your regular contact in NHS LPP, however, if you do not receive a response please refer to our updated [contact list](#) or please email [customer@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:customer@lpp.nhs.uk). This inbox will be monitored around the clock to ensure we continue to receive your enquiries and maintain our high standard of service. If you would like to give feedback on this bulletin or make suggestions for future updates please contact [customer@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:customer@lpp.nhs.uk)

