

Your questions answered

Does NHS LPP have any frameworks or capability to source personal protective equipment (PPE)?

The supply of PPE is being coordinated nationally. For more information please refer to the [national guidance](#) on the supply and use of PPE. This includes a 'helpline' number NHS bodies can contact if they need more kit.

Additionally, there is government guidance on the specification for [producing and manufacturing PPE](#) and guidance for [businesses](#) offering products and services in response to COVID-19. National Supply Chain Limited are also running [daily webinars](#) to update on PPE product availability along with [additional information](#) for trusts and suppliers in response to COVID-19.

Suppliers are to register via the government website or to contact the central team. The only exception is to offers that are highly significant and/or extremely time sensitive, they should still go to gcfcovid19enquiries@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

Additionally, there is a [new PPE dedicated supply channel](#) for core PPE items. This channel has been set up by NHS Supply Chain, the Ministry of Defence (MOD), Unipart Logistics and supported by Clipper Logistics

Do NHS LPP have guidance on PPE for health and care teams?

On the 03 April 2020, the Government published [guidance](#) on personal protective equipment use for health and care teams. The guidance simplifies PPE use for staff and reflects the fact that Covid-19 is more widespread among the general population.

How can NHS LPP assist in sourcing ventilators?

A national NHS England and NHS Improvement team is leading work on this issue. The Business Support Helpline for England is 0300 456 3565 or email ventilator.support@beis.gov.uk or suppliers@supplychain.nhs.uk. Additionally there is government guidance for [businesses](#) offering products and services in response to COVID-19.

The NHS LPP **Business Intelligence** team is also supporting members with a new [report](#) providing increased business intelligence in the field of respirators and medical ventilators. The report builds a picture of historical medical and respirator purchases across London including the suppliers,



products and servicing arrangements used by different trusts and can be used by procurement teams to help them make fully informed decisions and support continuity of supply. For questions, to give feedback or to request more information on the report please contact

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How is NHS LPP supporting agencies and trusts in planning for the increased demand for workforce, particularly within critical care?

NHS LPP is adopting guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care and NHS England and NHS Improvement on ensuring workers can enter the supply chain as quickly as possible. We are also engaging with the Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) for information on where other sectors have seen a reduction in resources that could be reallocated to the NHS eg: cleaners in the hospitality sector. Additional routes are being made known to trusts as they become available to allow them to take advantage of these resources where appropriate.

Is there a requirement to bag waste differently for coronavirus for clinical waste?

NHS LPP have not been made aware of any guidance or change in approach specifically for COVID-19 waste. If we are advised of changes we will disseminate this to trusts.

We are really keen to supply staff to the Excel centre, can you advise who is dealing with this?

NHS Nightingale is being led centrally with NHS LPP providing procurement and other support. Please refer to the national guidance for [businesses](#) offering products and services in response to COVID-19.

Do NHS LPP know the tax position re: importing protective equipment, relevant medical devices or equipment brought into the UK from non-EU countries during the coronavirus outbreak?

The Government is allowing NHS and other state and authorised non-state bodies to pay no import duty and VAT on protective equipment, relevant medical devices or equipment brought into the UK from non-EU countries during the coronavirus outbreak. For further information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pay-no-import-duty-and-vat-on-medical-supplies-equipment-and-protective-garments-covid-19>

Can NHS LPP advise on the process for the supply of oxygen through COVID-19?



The supply of oxygen is being coordinated nationally. Trusts are asked to raise any enquiries or requests for additional stocks via their trust or regional EPRR team, who are in touch with the relevant national contacts leading on this process.

