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## COVID-19: Update

### Supporting our members

The **Business Intelligence** team, which has access to finance and procurement data from across London, is constantly scanning data to identify patterns and opportunities to use data to drive behaviour and help manage the response to the crisis. The team has created [a list of reports](#) that may be useful to trusts to help them make fully informed decisions and support continuity of supply for products and services currently in high demand, including reports on medical ventilators and the supply of medical locum, nursing and allied health professional staff. For questions, to give feedback or to request more information please contact [Levente.fazekas@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:Levente.fazekas@lpp.nhs.uk)

The **Estates, Facilities and Professional Services** team is distributing the latest [construction guidance](#) in relation to COVID-19 to trusts and suppliers. In line with best practice, health and safety requirements of any workplace activity must also not be compromised at this time and if an activity cannot be undertaken safely due to a lack of suitably qualified personnel being available, or social distancing being implemented, it should not take place. The guidance, which has been issued from Safety Schemes in Procurement (SIPP), is designed to support suppliers where procurement must continue, to enable a pragmatic and proportionate approach.

Any trust who has an issue with estates and facilities requirements eg: cleaning, catering, portering, transport (staff or equipment), car parking, temporary accommodation of staff/patients - or any other estates and facilities issues can contact the team on [LPPEFPS@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:LPPEFPS@gstt.nhs.uk) who will work with you to help find alternative solutions.

The **Workforce** team is keeping members and agencies informed on the latest guidance to ensure clinical staff can be onboarded as quickly as possible. The team this week sent out its first FAQs to suppliers, aimed at helping them keep up to date with the latest developments.

The **Medicines Optimisation and Pharmacy Procurement (MOPP)** team is continuing to closely monitor the distribution and supply of medicines London-wide to ensure all trusts have access to the medicines they need to support their response to the coronavirus.



## Our work with suppliers

More than 300 resilience and mitigation plans have now been received from suppliers and are available to members by going to [my.lpp](#) and selecting the category 'COVID-19 supplier resilience plans'.

NHS LPP also contacted more than [100 critical suppliers](#), with targeted questions about their products and services. More than half have now responded with detailed answers, which our team have begun posting on my.lpp to help support our members. To access this information please go to [my.lpp](#) and select the category 'Critical Supplier Q&A'.

## Your questions answered

Our team have been supporting members and suppliers with answers to their questions, including links to national guidance for the procurement of PPE and ventilators, and advice on the process for the procurement of oxygen. Answers to our latest questions are available to members on [my.lpp](#)

## Coronavirus guidance

In response to the current demand for facilities and estates staff such as cleaners, porters and security staff, NHS England and NHS Improvement has amended guidance to allow the use of agency workers. Trusts should inform NHS England and NHS Improvement and work with agencies appointed to approved frameworks, such as the Workforce Alliance's [Non-Clinical Temporary and Fixed Term Staff Framework \(RM6160\)](#).

[New guidance](#) has been issued from Safety Schemes in Procurement (SIPP) on construction.

Latest public information and advice on COVID-19 from:

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

## 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).

