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COVID-19: Update

Supporting our members

Our team have compiled a [useful list of contacts](#), including where to go for enquiries on PPE, ventilators and other essential services. Please note that some information may change rapidly – our team will make every effort to ensure this list is kept as up to date as possible.

The **Estates, Facilities and Professional Services** team have been liaising with linen & laundry suppliers to ensure they have the capacity to meet the additional demands created by the pandemic. If you have recently received a letter from Synergy regarding price increases due to COVID-19, please be aware that this letter has been shared with NHS England and NHS Improvement who have advised that they will be issuing some guidance to all trusts next week, so there is no need to respond directly to the letter. We will update you further once we know more.

If you receive similar requests from any other suppliers please email LPPEFPS@gstt.nhs.uk and we can coordinate a local/national response where appropriate. The team have also been working closely with other suppliers and have received an offer from the British Parking Association allowing critical care workers to find free parking locations across the UK. The link for parking is <https://www.nhs-freeparking.co.uk/>

The **Business Intelligence** team has created a [searchable catalogue](#) for products including PPE items. It has also been updating pan-London data from trusts showing their [consumable spend](#), which provides comparative information on how COVID-19 related spend and demand changed in March. This is in addition to the new respirators and medical ventilators [report](#) which provides business intelligence on historical medical and respirator purchases across London that can be used by procurement teams to help support continuity of supply. For questions, to give feedback or to request more information please contact Levente.fazekas@lpp.nhs.uk

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

A large number of resilience and mitigation plans have now been received from suppliers and we will be doing another follow up to gather more this week. The plans are available to members by going to [my.lpp](#) and selecting the category 'COVID-19 supplier resilience plans'.

Of these suppliers, NHS LPP also sought more information for members from [100 identified critical suppliers](#). More than 70 have responded with detailed answers, which can be found by going to [my.lpp](#) and selecting 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

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 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. If you are not yet a NHS LPP member and wish to hear more contact us at customer@lpp.nhs.uk. NHS LPP is on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#)

