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COVID-19: Update

Supporting our members

Teams across NHS LPP have been reviewing articles and briefings put together by legal firms covering different COVID-19 related topics to create a [legal article repository](#) for trusts seeking legal guidance. This new resource includes links to articles spanning clinical, IT, contract management, HR and estates and procurement.

The **Workforce** team has continued its partnership with the Workforce Alliance with new information highlighting how [frameworks can support trusts](#) with quick, safe recruitment of clinical staff. The team are working with the Alliance and suppliers to understand regional demand - trusts experiencing recruitment issues in their area are encouraged to get in touch for support on lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk. The Workforce team are also working on the re-procurement of the new clinical staffing framework which will be available in the summer and will further support trusts to meet staffing needs as efficiently as possible as the COVID-19 response evolves.

Further guidance from NHS England and NHS Improvement is expected on furloughing in the coming week, the team will be watching closely for developments and updating trusts as soon as more information becomes available.

The **Estates, Facilities and Professional Services** team have been passing on [new guidance](#) available to trusts from NHS England and NHS Improvement setting out how NHS organisations should implement the [Cabinet Office's PPN 02/20](#) about maintaining payments to suppliers in difficulty as a result of COVID-19.

SFG20, which sets the benchmark on the standard maintenance specification for building plant, has also released [guidance](#) on how to keep buildings that are currently empty or in low use properly maintained and compliant during COVID-19.

A reminder to trusts that the [NHS LPP linen and laundry](#) framework includes the laundering of reusable gowns that conform to the current HTM (Health Technical Memorandum) and EN (British) standards. If you are interested in accessing this agreement please contact LPPEFPS@lpp.nhs.uk for more information.

To support high risk patients, the **Medicines Optimisation and Pharmacy Procurement** team is working with the National Homecare Medicines Committee comprising of NHS, industry and Department of Health and Social Care representatives, to consider how homecare capacity can be allocated to deliver medicine supplies direct to the homes of patients that need it the most. London



trusts with any questions or queries on homecare medicines can contact the team for support and advice.

The team are also working with cancer pharmacists in the NHS England London Specialised Commissioning team to provide information on options for changes to chemotherapy treatments in line with the recently published [rapid COVID-19 guideline](#) from NICE.

Our work with suppliers

We have received almost 300 resilience and mitigation plans 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 76 have responded with detailed answers, which can be found by going to [my.lpp](#) and selecting the category '**Critical Supplier Q&A**'.

We have also compiled a [useful list of contacts](#) giving information on where to signpost suppliers offering 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

Your questions answered

Our team have been supporting members and suppliers with answers to their questions. Answers to our latest questions are available to members on [my.lpp](#).

Coronavirus guidance

NHS England and NHS Improvement guidance on implementing the [Cabinet Office's PPN 02/20](#).

New guidance from [SFG on maintenance of buildings](#) left empty or in low use due to COVID-19.

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](#)

