

## NHS LPP Bulletin

NHS LPP is working with you as the health service responds to the next phase of the pandemic. Here is the latest advice from our expert team at NHS LPP this fortnight.

### Top things to know

1. As the public sector now turns towards the recovery strategy, the government have released supplementary guidance to PPN02/20 provided in March, which set out information for public bodies on payment of their suppliers to ensure service continuity during the pandemic. The new [PPN04/20](#) provides guidance for contracting authorities who are starting to plan with their suppliers how to exit any contractual relief and transition to a new, sustainable, operating model taking into account strategic and reprioritisation needs. Contracting authorities and their suppliers will need to work in partnership, openly and pragmatically, during this transition so that contracts are sustainable and value for money over the medium to long term. Contracting authorities should consider the guidance in the government's updated [Outsourcing Playbook](#), which sets out how contracting authorities and suppliers should work together.
2. A six-month extension has been granted to the [National Clinical Staffing](#) framework to provide trusts with the appropriate cover for locums and nurses. This framework will now expire in February 2021. If you have any queries or questions please contact the team on [workforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:workforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk).
3. The NHS LPP Consultancy team is starting to work pan-London on post-COVID solutions to get back business as usual post-pandemic operational readiness - including mobilisation around the government's [Health Infrastructure Plan](#). If you would like to talk to the team about how they can support you please contact [Customer@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:Customer@lpp.nhs.uk)
4. A large number of Enterprise Agreements are currently coming up for renewal. To support you, the [NHS LPP Information Management Technology framework](#) can link you with major IT goods and service providers for this and any other IT related requirement that isn't clinical. For more advice please email [neil.robertson@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:neil.robertson@lpp.nhs.uk)

**Top tip from our team:** If you are considering a complex tender during COVID-19, ensure adequate time is allowed for pre-market engagement. This engagement helps you ultimately define your specification and identify restrictions in the services that may be a result of COVID-19.

### Spotlight on: Fraud Prevention

NHS LPP is supporting NHS Counter Fraud Authority to help raise awareness on preventing fraud during these unprecedented times. An [animation](#) and a range of resources have been made available on the [NHS Counter Fraud Authority website](#) to remind NHS organisations to stay vigilant and ensure they are fully informed.

As the NHS has responded to the crisis, NHS Counter Fraud Authority has identified additional risk related to the urgency placed on paying suppliers within seven days (instead of the usual 30) as well as the surge of new staff joining the NHS workforce. Analysis shows organisations are more vulnerable to mandate fraud in particular during periods of crisis, which occurs when someone contacts an NHS



organisation with an urgent request to change payment details. Among the advice are tips for NHS staff to periodically confirm supplier information held on file, the use of a bank account amendment form for changes of bank account details and a dual control procedure for authorising payments. More information is available at <https://cfa.nhs.uk/fraud-prevention/COVID-19-guidance/mandate-fraud-risks>

NHS LPP will continue to share more tips and advice from NHS Counter Fraud Authority to support our members as they transition through pandemic. Look out for more in this bulletin and on our [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) accounts in the coming weeks. For more information on how we are working with NHS Counter Fraud Authority to support you, contact [Helen.Lynch@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:Helen.Lynch@lpp.nhs.uk)

## Resources

Don't forget to keep checking the dedicated area of our website for information and resources to support the response to COVID-19, accessible by going to our [homepage](#) and clicking on the COVID-19 box. New information will be uploaded on an ongoing basis.

- Resilience plans: available to members by going to [my.lpp](#) and selecting the category 'COVID-19 supplier resilience plans'.
- Resilience plans from [100 identified critical suppliers](#) can be found by going to [my.lpp](#) and selecting the category 'Critical Supplier Q&A'.
- A [list of contacts](#) giving information on where to signpost suppliers offering PPE, ventilators and other essential services.

NHS LPP [Offers from Suppliers](#) list

## FAQs

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](#).

## Get in touch

Please continue to reach out to your regular contact in NHS LPP. 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). If you are not yet an NHS LPP member and wish to hear more contact us at [customer@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:customer@lpp.nhs.uk).

NHS LPP is on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#):

