

## 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. NHS LPP is supporting an NHS England and NHS Improvement workforce webinar for agency staff and employers. [Registration is now open](#) for this important session, which will be held on Thursday 23rd July at 2.30pm and explores further steps agencies and NHS providers can take to ensure the safety & wellbeing of the temporary workforce during COVID-19.
2. [Cost guidance](#) for facilities management suppliers has been issued by NHS England and NHS Improvement. This guidance will help trusts to review COVID-19 cost claims from suppliers for facilities management services.
3. HM Revenue & Customs has announced that the end date for the [temporary VAT zero-rating of supplies of consumables](#), in connection with coronavirus, has been changed from 31 July 2020 to 31 October 2020. The procurement of consumables is being coordinated nationally and there is a survey for [businesses](#) offering products and services in response to COVID-19. In addition, please refer to the [national guidance](#) on the supply and use of consumables.
4. Temporary compliance amendments from NHS England and NHS Improvement for suppliers and trusts dealing with the employment of staff have been extended until the 27th of August 2020. The changes include advice to use distance learning instead of face-to-face training and a reminder that pre-employment checks, such as right to work and professional registration must be aligned with the [NHS Employers guidance](#). If you require any further information or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact [lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk).

**Top tip from our team:** When writing the specification for a tender or mini competition think about the impact of COVID-19 on future volumes to allow bidders to submit their most accurate pricing. For example for interpretation services, what percentage of your historical face-to-face interpretation has now transferred to telephone and do you envisage it will stay this way? Ensure that you include wording to cover that volume figures are a best estimate.

### Spotlight on: help to set up digital support for patients

Digital self-management resources such as apps have played a vital part in supporting patients throughout the coronavirus. As the response to the pandemic continues, NHS London Procurement Partnership is offering support to procure safe, secure apps through its [Health and Social Care Apps Dynamic Purchasing System \(DPS\)](#).



For health services wanting to procure a new app for their patients, the DPS offers a shortlist of suppliers whose apps have been pre-assessed for security, clinical merit, patient accessibility and patient safety. It includes a COVID-19 specific category and has been developed in partnership with the Organisation for the Review of Care and Health Apps (ORCHA) to ensure that suppliers comply with strict rules.

The NHS LPP DPS has recently been used by NHS England to procure the new MyType1Diabetes app now available to patients across England to help them manage their condition during the coronavirus pandemic. The app includes videos and eLearning courses, to help people better understand their condition and increase their confidence in managing it.

**Professor Partha Kar, national speciality advisor on diabetes for NHS England and NHS Improvement said:**

“Living with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes is a daily challenge for millions of people and knowing they are more at risk if they are infected with coronavirus will be worrying, but the NHS has taken action to help people and keep them safe, including the roll-out of these helpful apps.

“Access to trusted information and support is key to helping people manage their diabetes and we are delighted to support these tools which will hopefully empower people to look after their own condition and reduce their risk.”

Adults with type 1 diabetes can access the app directly by going to [myType1diabetes.nhs.uk](https://myType1diabetes.nhs.uk) More information on the DPS is available on the [NHS London Procurement Partnership DPS webpage](#) or [register for the DPS online](#) now.

## 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

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