

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. In response to the need for a England-wide contract, NHS LPP has launched a new [National Framework Agreement for Nitric Oxide Therapy](#) to help trusts safely and efficiently procure all products needed for the supply of nitric oxide. Awarded suppliers of the framework can provide cylinders, delivery and monitoring devices along with all ancillary equipment, maintenance and consumables. For more information contact jacqueline.eastwood@lpp.nhs.uk

2. NHS LPP members can make savings and increase employee satisfaction at the same time through a new and revamped greener car benefit scheme. The North of England [CPC Drive framework](#) is available at no charge to NHS LPP members and allows trusts to offer employees a salary sacrifice, car leasing scheme for some of the greenest cars on the market. A great way to motivate existing staff and appeal to new talent, ten London trusts have already signed up to the framework in the first quarter of this year, saving an average of **£32k** through reduced National Insurance contributions. With a number of recent surveys showing that many drivers in England plan to buy an electric vehicle (EV) as their next car, the framework is structured to promote EV adoption - which is now even more affordable following the removal of benefit in kind tax on EV vehicles from April this year. Contact laura.whitworth@lpp.nhs.uk for further information or to sign-up.

3. The NHS LPP workforce team is assisting on work to support our temporary and agency workers, particularly for vulnerable groups. The team was part of a panel at a recent webinar run by the Chief Nursing Officer's BME Strategic Advisory Group (London Region) and the Royal College of Nursing London to learn about the experiences of agency nurses and midwives during COVID-19 and will be meeting Chairs of the Recruitment and Employment Confederation in the coming weeks. The team are available for advice and information on support for temporary, agency and vulnerable staff - please contact lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk

4. The Workforce Alliance has released a new e-rostering, HR and payroll solution to support trusts. Through the [Data and Application Solutions \(DAS\) framework](#), you can have the right software systems in place, reassuring staff that your trust is supporting them in the day-to-day challenges they face. If you're aware of new and existing [suppliers](#) who may be interested in helping the Workforce Alliance to support the NHS in delivering a sustainable workforce model, please ask them to contact lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk

Top tip from our team: When thinking about your justifications for choosing a procurement route, record not only the steps you took in response to COVID-19 but also how the pandemic has led to this requirement. For example, PPN guidance gives the example of where staff are off sick or need to be diverted elsewhere, preventing you from completing a procurement.



Spotlight on: new apprenticeship incentive scheme

As part of the government's new [Plan for Jobs](#) published earlier this month in response to the coronavirus pandemic, additional payments will be available to all employers who take on an apprentice.

A new payment of £2,000 will be provided to employers in England for each new apprentice they hire aged under 25, and a £1,500 payment for each new apprentice they hire aged 25 and over, from 1st August 2020 to 31st January 2021. These payments will be in addition to the existing £1,000 payment the government already provides for new 16-18 year-old apprentices, and those aged under 25 with an Education, Health and Care Plan – where that applies.

A reminder that the apprenticeship levy spend is subject to procurement regulations and trusts interested in running an apprenticeship scheme will need to use a compliant route to market. NHS LPP's [Dynamic Purchasing System for Apprenticeship Providers](#) covers apprenticeships in a broad range of categories – and mini competitions under the DPS are quick and easy to run. For more information or advice on apprenticeship schemes, or help with running mini competitions please contact laura.whitworth@lpp.nhs.uk

Resources

NHS LPP has information and resources to support the response to COVID-19, accessible by going to our [homepage](#) and clicking on the COVID-19 box.

- NHS LPP [Offers from Suppliers](#) list
- 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.

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

