

NHS LPP Bulletin

Top things to know

1. For trusts using staff banks to flexibly manage their workforce, the Workforce Alliance is offering members substantially reduced rates on the [Flexible Resource Agreement](#). The aim is to increase bank usage by reducing the supplier management charge on the framework, which is the only one approved by NHS England and NHS Improvement.

2. Following the Government's announcement to [write-off of historic NHS debt](#) in April 2020, there may be an opportunity for trusts to tackle some of their backlog maintenance bill as reported in ERIC (c.1.7bn in London). The new NHS LPP Minor Works and Maintenance DPS has a number of categories developed specifically to provide a compliant route to market for your minor works/maintenance requirements. New suppliers can be added at any time, so if you have an incumbent that you would like to invite a bid from, they can apply to the DPS prior to your tender to ensure they have the same opportunity as other competent suppliers. For more information contact LPPEFPS@GSTT.nhs.uk

3. The workspaces area of my.lpp has been revamped. Accessible for NHS LPP members, the private and secure workspaces support remote, collaborative working between different teams and organisations and include private discussion boards and a secure online file storage facility. Recent enhancements include:

- friendlier user interface and enhanced search facility,
- new function allowing users to mark discussion topics as closed - this can be useful if you are recording issues or asking questions,
- capability to download multiple files as a zip file.

Top tip from our team: NHS Foundry is a data analytics platform, providing a single source of accurate big data, which the Government uses to co-ordinate its COVID-19 responses. NHS Foundry 360 Training, which can be booked [here](#), is recommended to learn more about the platform. Delivered via Microsoft Teams, the training takes an hour and covers what Trust 360 is, log ins, navigation, accessing data and more.

Spotlight on: international recruitment for nurses

Suppliers have now been awarded to deliver a new pan-London service launching in early Autumn through [CapitalNurse](#) to support trusts with international recruitment of nurses.

The service will provide trusts with a single point of access in London for recruiting overseas nurses, allowing them to source the very best staff from multiple countries and agencies at the same time, reducing risk and costs. Nurses offered a role through the project will receive a standardised offer with the same financial support, onboarding process and pastoral care provided across London.

CapitalNurse is a programme of work set up in 2015 to ensure that London has the right number of nurses, with the right skills, in the right place. Its new overseas recruitment model was developed as part of a regional response to [NHS Long Term Plan](#) and is the result of a collaboration between Health



Education England, NHS London Procurement Partnership supported by NHS Commercial Solutions, NHS England and NHS Improvement and London trusts.

Eleven early adopter trusts are already participating in the project and any London trust can join at any time. A new website portal to provide an interface between the nurses, trusts and agencies will go live in the coming month and a dedicated, senior workforce manager has been recruited to manage all aspects of contracts and recruitment on behalf of trusts using the service.

Selina Trueman, Deputy Programme Director, CapitalNurse said:

“This is a brand new, innovative concept in collaborative procurement which provides London trusts with greater access to the best nurses from all over the world, while at the same time saving resources by preventing them from having to go to market multiple times. It’s an excellent example of a standardised pan-London approach and is a credit to all the organisations and stakeholders who have come together to make this work.”

To join the CapitalNurse project, or for more information on the procurement process and suppliers contact Helen Lynch, NHS LPP Strategic Partnership Director: Helen.Lynch@lpp.nhs.uk For more information on CapitalNurse contact Selina Trueman, Deputy Programme Director, CapitalNurse: selina.trueman@nhs.net

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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