

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 England and NHS Improvement issued a letter on 11th August regarding the [expansion of the primary care workforce in 2020/21](#) and allocating £43 million for Primary Care Network (PCN) development which can be used to support workforce planning, role design, and the development of effective teams. NHS LPP can provide support through the [Workforce Alliance](#) in the following areas, including; providing consultancy and workforce planning advice, assisting with the recruitment of permanent staff domestically and internationally, plus much more. To find out more about how the Workforce Alliance can help you, please contact lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk

2. [In a recent letter to trusts](#), Chief Nursing Officer for England, Ruth May announced funding to accelerate and expand the recruitment of international nurses. Part of the funding is to support appointed nurses who have not yet arrived in the UK, as well as additional recruitment campaigns for international nurses.

In support of this, the [Workforce Alliance](#) comprising Procurement in Partnership and Crown Commercial Services is hosting a series of three webinars on international recruitment this autumn starting on 1st October. If you would like to hear more about support available to trusts for international recruitment, you can reserve your space [online](#).

3. This will be our final fortnightly bulletin before we transition to a new, quarterly newsletter. We want to ensure that our quarterly newsletter hits the mark and provides you with all the information you need. To help us do this, we want to invite you to complete a short survey. Please take a few minutes and [fill out our five minute survey here](#).

Top tip for the fortnight: If you need to pause a current procurement during the COVID-19 pandemic, we advise you let your bidders know and keep this situation under review. A short pause may have minimal impact on the process, but longer delays may mean the market has changed since your OJEU Contract Notice went out, and this could impact on who would have bid. If this is the case, starting afresh may be advisable.

Spotlight on: new formulary to improve access to medicines for Londoners

A new pan-London list of medicines is under development to reduce variation in prescribing and help ensure patients have access to the most clinically effective, best value treatments across the capital.

The new list of medicines – or formulary - which is focusing initially on medicines for ophthalmology, is being led by the NHS LPP Medicines Optimisation & Pharmacy Procurement team with input from all London STPs, ICSs, Trusts and CCGs and from specialist ophthalmology teams from across London.



Currently, each STP, trust or CCG hosts their own locally agreed formulary of recommended medications, meaning patients accessing care across health boundaries may receive different treatments depending on where they live. Healthcare professionals working in different locations must familiarise themselves with multiple lists and each formulary is maintained and monitored separately, leading to duplication in staff time and resource across London.

The new, pan-London ophthalmology formulary is expected to be available from the end of the financial year subject to COVID-19 developments, with further lists for other specialties to follow.

Jas Khambh, Chief Pharmacist & Clinical Director said:

“This project is an ambitious one, but it will make a significant and positive difference for patients and the NHS in London as it progresses. Having one list of approved and recommended treatments that all NHS organisations within London can refer to helps to reduce unwarranted variation.

“It’s becoming more common for people to be treated outside of their boundaries, either through choice or due to the need to access specialist services. A pan-London formulary will help to ensure all patients get access to the same treatments no matter where they live or where they access services.”

For more information on the pan-London formulary contact the NHS LPP Medicines Optimisation & Pharmacy Procurement team on Matthew.Harrison@lpp.nhs.uk

Resource

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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