

NHS LPP Bulletin

Top things to know

1. NHS Counter Fraud Authority (NHSCFA) have welcomed new [Counter Fraud Functional Standards](#) recently published by the government. The new standards, which are due to be implemented in April 2021, set the expectations for the management of fraud, bribery and corruption risk in government organisations. Common counter fraud standards across the public sector are expected to strengthen the collective effort to identify, prevent and prosecute frauds against the NHS and beyond. NHS LPP continues to work closely with NHSCFA to help raise awareness of the prevention of fraud and will continue to keep members updated with the latest information and tips.

2. NHS LPP is collecting data from all our members to create a bird's eye view of NHS procurement activity across London. This information allows us to support trusts and ICSs by identifying regional patterns and opportunities. [Download the template](#) (by clicking on the blue arrow on the top right hand corner on the excel icon and clicking on 'download' in the menu bar) and submit your data to: Levente.fazekas@lpp.nhs.uk

3. The NHS Employers Checks Standards waiver, which enables suppliers to utilise distance learning as an alternative to face-to-face training has been extended indefinitely. It is anticipated that the requirement for face-to-face training will be reintroduced in the future and this will be communicated to suppliers with at least one calendar month notice. In addition, Temporary Workers who have been unable to undertake face-to-face training as a result of COVID-19 restrictions, should complete training online, with all training records required to be complete and updated by 27th September.

Top tip from our team: During the COVID-19 pandemic, do not forget any notices that are needed for your procurement. An OJEU contract notice is still required if you're running an "accelerated" procedure and this notice should explain why the procurement is urgent. Similarly, contract award notices must still be published for any direct award of contracts.

Spotlight on: utility savings

Trusts could save millions on gas and electricity costs according to a recent review of utility supply contracts.

The review, which was carried out at the request of NHS LPP, examined agreements under the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) energy framework to identify which were the most economical.



Analysis of Procurement in Partnership utility data dating back seven years revealed that if all NHS LPP trusts on the CCS framework had been using the best performing utility agreements - known as baskets on the framework – approximately £5m could have been saved over the last three years. While past performance is not always an indication of future performance, savings are still expected over the coming years, so trusts are advised to switch now to the highest performing baskets, which have been identified as basket V30 for electricity and basket V6 for gas.

Trusts interested in making the transfer will need to act quickly as the deadline to switch CCS baskets is Friday 25th September. To find out more about how to switch, or to understand what potential savings there might be for your trust, please contact the NHS LPP Estates, Facilities and Professional Services team on LPPEFPS@lpp.nhs.uk to request a call back.

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. If you are not yet an NHS LPP member and wish to hear more contact us at customer@lpp.nhs.uk.

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