

## NHS LPP Bulletin

### Top things to know

1. London Tech Week will close tomorrow and included the Founders Forum Healthtech Summit which brought digital and healthcare experts together to discuss new innovations in technology, as well as an announcement by the Secretary of State [of an extra £50m for artificial intelligence \(AI\) technologies in the NHS](#). For trusts looking to use more innovative technology to support patients and staff, the Clinical Digital Solutions team at NHS LPP can provide specialist procurement and consultancy advice across a portfolio of areas including: [clinical and digital information systems](#), [information management & technology solutions](#), and [health & social care apps](#). For more information on how the team can help you find innovative digital solutions, contact [technology&consultancy@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:technology&consultancy@lpp.nhs.uk).
2. If you have received a Personalised Savings proposal for Utilities from independent consultancy Inenco and would like a free independent assessment of the offer, please contact [LPPEFPS@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:LPPEFPS@lpp.nhs.uk).
3. Following the announcement that HMRC now considers [compensation and early termination fees subject to VAT](#), trusts should review any such payments made in the last four years. The change means trusts who have paid a supplier - or other party - compensation or early termination fees may now receive an additional VAT bill. If trusts have received a payment from a non-NHS party for compensation or early termination in the past four years, you should now look at the underlying VAT liability of the relevant supply and arrange to charge an additional VAT amount where applicable. Trusts who require assistance to identify and recover over and underpayments related to VAT can make use of the NHS LPP Analysis and Reconciliation framework, which has a category dedicated to VAT. To access the framework, please contact [laura.whitworth@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:laura.whitworth@lpp.nhs.uk)
4. The NHS LPP fortnightly bulletin will soon be transitioning to a new, quarterly newsletter! The final edition of the fortnightly bulletin will be published at the end of this month and replaced soon after with a brand new newsletter, which will include even more of the helpful information we provide each fortnight, in a new, interesting format. We'd love to hear what you'd like to see – look out for our survey in the coming week and in the last edition of the fortnightly bulletin on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**Top tip from our team:** As part of winter planning, double check data sharing processes now. Password protected excel spreadsheets do not provide the greatest level of security and are not recommended for sensitive data. For procurement data, NHS LPP hosts the [PX system](#) for members, which provides a secure way to upload, analyse and share accounts payable and purchase order information. For more information on the system contact [Levente.Fazekas@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:Levente.Fazekas@lpp.nhs.uk) or to enquire about becoming a member of NHS LPP, contact one of our Account Managers on [Customer@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:Customer@lpp.nhs.uk)



## Spotlight on: working together

The pandemic has seen teams, hospitals, other NHS organisations, the public and private sector work together as never before. With its pan-London view, since March NHS LPP has joined up a multitude of connections across the health service to solve problems and make sure NHS staff are supported as they deliver services to patients.

As the NHS continues to tackle staffing challenges, the workforce team last month introduced staffing teams from hospitals across London in an informal, networking webinar. The webinar, run by NHS LPP through the Workforce Alliance, provided a unique opportunity for NHS professionals working in the same area to come together, reflect and to share their experiences and common challenges, as well as think about best practice and swap ideas.

**Sarah Boaden, Senior Procurement Manager – Professional Services Lead, Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust and Great Western NHS Foundation Trust said:**

“The introduction to other trusts was invaluable for the Temporary Staffing Team at Great Western Hospital to build a network and feel supported in their challenges moving forward. Insights gained during the initial introduction will help inform our future procurement process and we all benefited from understanding how each hospital works and areas for improvement plus recognising what we all do well.

“We would like to thank each of the London trusts for taking time out of their busy diaries to meet with us and huge thanks to NHS LPP and the Workforce Alliance for making this all possible. Each of the trusts will be stronger working together and we look forward to developing the relationships further.”

NHS LPP also holds ongoing weekly forums for its members working in staff bank to provide an ongoing support tool. For more information on how NHS LPP may be able to support you, or connect you with other pan-London or national networks please get in touch with the relevant team on the email address below:

Workforce: [lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:lppworkforcesupport@lpp.nhs.uk)

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Consultancy: [NHSConsulting@lpp.nhs.uk](mailto:NHSConsulting@lpp.nhs.uk)

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## 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

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](mailto: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](mailto:customer@lpp.nhs.uk). NHS LPP is on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#):

