LOCAL PROCUREMENT OF PPE TO STOP

Trusts have been told to stop procuring their own personal protective equipment, ventilators, and a range of other products in high demand due to Covid-19. Procurement Directors were told on Friday these goods would be procured on a national level to reduce competition for supplies.

The only exceptions are in the cases where a Trust is working with “new, local or small suppliers” in a way that ”does not conflict with national procurement”.  Trust procurement Directors will now work with a cross-governmental team to review procurement lists and share their market intelligence.

Trusts who are partway through “significant” procurements have been asked to “flag” these deals to their national colleagues, who will “help you to conclude the deal, reimburse you, and manage the products through the national stocks.”

*Instructions to Trusts say:*

#### These goods are being managed by a central team across the four nations and should no longer be procured locally:

* Personal protective equipment
* Mechanical ventilators
* Bilevel / Non-invasive ventilators
* CPAP devices
* Oxygen concentrators
* Video laryngoscopes – reusable and single use
* CT scanners
* Mobile X-ray
* Portable suction pumps
* Enteral feed pumps (and associated consumables)
* Syringe drivers
* Volumetric pumps
* Blood gas analysers

#### These goods are being procured on behalf of England:

* Ambulatory peritoneal dialysis machines
* Continuous renal replacement therapy machines
* Reverse osmosis machines