

Key Messages London Regional Advisory Forum – June 2026

Strategic and Governance Themes

Supply chain resilience continues to be a key strategic priority, with focus across:

- geopolitical stability,
- supplier resilience,
- cyber security,
- and stock availability.

Members highlighted opportunities to further strengthen the approach through:

- earlier identification of potential supply disruptions,
- increased visibility of existing resilience measures,
- and greater clarity on NHS Supply Chain's role during national incidents.

Updated governance arrangements and Terms of Reference have been positively introduced, aligning with the evolving RAF and National Advisory Board structures.

NHS Supply Chain Transformation

NHS Supply Chain continues to progress an ambitious transformation programme through to 2030, including:

- technology modernisation,
- logistics and warehousing redesign,
- operational efficiencies,
- and commercial transformation.

These changes are expected to enhance:

- ordering and invoicing processes,
- stock management,
- and overall distribution efficiency.

The Customer Design Board is being positioned as a key decision-making forum, strengthening customer influence in shaping future services.

There is strong engagement in ensuring operational logistics and supply chain expertise is embedded alongside procurement in future design decisions.

Financial Pressures and Savings Delivery

There is a continued focus on accelerating the identification and delivery of savings opportunities, particularly in high-value areas such as orthopaedics and surgical consumables.

Members identified opportunities to further support progress through:

- enhanced analytical insight,
- greater consistency of approach,
- and strengthened support for trusts managing financial pressures.

London region performance remains strong, with:

- £30.3m savings delivered in FY25/26,
- delivery tracking at 3.8%,
- and a healthy pipeline of £15.8m in identified opportunities.