



As announced in 2022, 3M intends to spin off its 3M Health Care business (the “Health Care Business”), resulting in two world-class independent companies: 3M will remain a leading global material science innovator, serving global customers across a range of diverse and attractive end markets; and 3M’s Health Care Business will become a dedicated global diversified health care technology leader.

3M is taking steps to internally separate (“Internal Separation”) the Health Care Business ahead of a formal spin-off (the “Spin”) of the Health Care Business into a new publicly listed company in the first half of 2024.

From 27 October and until 1 November 2023, as part of the Internal Separation of the Healthcare Business in the UK there will be a short “blackout period”, during which the new Healthcare Business entity is set up with NHS Supply Chain and all of our systems transfer over.

What does this mean for NHS Supply Chain and Customers who order through NHS Supply Chain:

- This blackout period will only impact orders for non-stock (Blue diamond/ E-direct) products; stocked codes are unaffected.
- Due to the lead times for non- stock items, no new non-stock orders will be processed between 17th October and 1 November. During this period all non-stock products will be temporarily suspended.
- Last date for orders for non-stock orders will be 16th October.
- There will be no deliveries for non-stock (Blue diamond/ E-direct) products in the timeframe of 27 October and 2 November.
- Delivery of the last dates for non-stock orders will 26 October.
- We have worked closely with NHS Supply Chain to increase their stockholding of stocked products. There does not need to be any change to ordering patterns.

Once the period is concluded, the new Healthcare company in the UK will be updated on all the NHS Supply Chain Systems and orders, and non-stocked (Blue Diamond) deliveries will commence once again with no change visible to our shared customer base.

Please be assured that the continued supply of 3M products to you, our valued customers is our (and NHS Supply Chain’s) top priority. We have been working on this process collaboratively together over a period of weeks, and we anticipate minimal disruption as a result.