



Supply Chain

National Clinical Advisory Forum

Key Messages

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Clinical Engagement in the NHS Supply Chain Modernisation Programme

Clinical engagement is critical to ensure the modernised supply chain is focused on delivering to the NHS clinically critical medical devices and consumables (ones that the NHS must never be out of stock). We need to hold products that support system resilience, especially where supply challenges can be anticipated. Enables bulk purchasing and strategic stocking where appropriate.

Phase One of NHS Core List – Building Familiarity and Reducing Variation

Phase one focuses on introducing and embedding the concept of an NHS Core List. The list includes products that are clinically validated, safe and effective and suitable for reducing unnecessary variation across the system. The aim is to get colleagues comfortable with the language and expectation of using these standardised products. These products are proven, consistent, and meet clinical needs to deliver care.