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**ABHI COVID-19
RESPONSE**

24/03/2020

WELCOME

The '*ABHI COVID -19 Response*' webinar will start shortly

Please can we ask that you:

- › Mute your phone/computer during discussions
- › If you would like to ask any questions, please either:
 - Send to Judith.Mellis@abhi.org.uk
 - Use the chat function on WebEx

PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES

› Purpose

- To update you on ABHI's COVID-19 response

› Intended outcomes

- Ensure you are informed
- Support engagement

11:30	Introductions, Purpose and outcomes of webinar	Nishan Sunthares, Chief Operating Officer
11:35	ABHI's COVID-19 response plan Review of key elements	Jonathan Evans, Communications Manager
11:50	Government engagement	Richard Phillips, Director, Policy & Communications Luella Trickett, Director, Value & Access
12:00	Key worker access	Nishan Sunthares
12:10	MDR/IVDR implementation	Phil Brown Director, Regulatory & Compliance
12:20	Ventilator challenge	Richard Phillips, Phil Brown
12:30	Business support	Nishan Sunthares
12:40	Wrap-up	Nishan Sunthares
13:00	Close	

ABHI'S COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

The “Challenges” (Ventilator, Diagnostic & Wider Critical Care)



Need To identify, categorise and procure the relevant health technologies to ensure capacity and capability is met in NHS critical care setting.



Leads Richard Phillips (Ventilators). Nishan Sunthares (diagnostics). Luella Trickett (NHS engagement). Phil Brown (regulatory implications).

MDR & IVDR Delay



Need To defer the MDR & IVDR transition period to ensure the continued supply of products to patients.



Lead Phil Brown.

Key Worker Access



Need For key workers to be allowed access to hospitals, manufacturing and distribution sites, laboratories and other facilities critical to healthcare delivery



Leads Nishan Sunthares (key workers). Andrew Davies (Hospital Access).

ABHI'S COVID-19 RESPONSE PLAN

Business Support



Need To ensure government support for businesses is provided quickly and targeted to the right areas and needs.



Leads Nishan Sunthares (leading). Eleanor Charsley (supporting).

Trade



Need To ensure minimal disruption to the cross-border movement of HealthTech goods.



Leads Paul Benton (leading). Richard Phillips (supporting).

GOVERNMENT ENGAGEMENT

Richard Phillips, Director, Policy and Communications

- › Formal weekly calls with industry / officials
- › Daily discussions with DHSC / BEIS / DIT
- › Relay technology calls
- › Resource page updated daily @abhi.org.uk
- › NHS Supply Chain

NHS SCCL ENGAGEMENT

Luella Trickett, Director, Value and Access

- › Coordination of supply to NHS providers through central function
 - Identified Personal Protective Equipment call to suppliers
 - FFP3 respirators
 - Type IIR facemasks
 - Aprons
 - Gloves
 - Protective eye wear – visors, goggles, glasses
 - Hand sanitiser, alcohol hand gel, antibacterial hand wash
- › Working with NHS Supply to understand the list of other products that the NHS will need as hospital admissions grow
- › Engaging with other procurement organisations across the NHS
- › Important to signal demand and provide confirmed orders to suppliers

KEY WORKER ACCESS

Nishan Sunthares, Chief Operating Officer

- › Reminder: staff of medical equipment manufacturers are defined as key workers*
 - This is in the context of maintaining educational provision for their children
- › Member feedback
 - Require continued access to healthcare facilities, for key staff, during “lock-down”
- › Members have provided us with information about key roles.
- › We are working with our colleagues in ABPI, BIA and BIVDA to agree a template which member companies could use to carry on the activity of key staff.

[*www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision)

MDR/IVDR IMPLEMENTATION

Phil Brown, Director, Regulatory & Compliance

- › ABHI supports the position adopted by MedTech Europe to seek a pause in the implementation of the new Medical Device and In-vitro Diagnostics Regulations (MDR/IVDR)

VENTILATOR CHALLENGE

Richard Phillips, Director, Policy and Communications

Phil Brown, Director, Technical and Regulatory

- › Two Elements
 - Purchasing of existing stock and associated products
 - “Challenge” to build new UK ICU ready product
- › Regulatory elements
- › Log interest 0300 456 3565 / ventilator.support@beis.gov.uk

BUSINESS SUPPORT

Nishan Sunthares, Chief Operating Officer

- › The Chancellor of the Exchequer announced a sweeping set of measures to help businesses affected by COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing response*.
 - Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme
 - Deferring VAT and Income Tax payments
 - Paying sick pay to employees
 - Business rates relief to qualifying businesses
 - Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (SMEs)
 - COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility (larger firms)
- › Further discussions underway - specifics of eligibility criteria, how banks will rollout loans/grants, support from the British Business Bank.
- › Working with a number of our partners to gather details and provide information

*www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19/covid-19-support-for-businesses

WRAP-UP

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