

New Hospital Programme

Electrical Contractors Association

Programme Update (January 2026)

The New Hospital Programme (NHP) represents the greatest single investment in NHS infrastructure in recent decades and will deliver brand new, state-of-the-art facilities to ensure world-class provision of healthcare for NHS patients and hospital staff across England. The rolling programme will create an enduring supply chain capability to deliver hospital infrastructure far into the future.

The [Government's 10 Year Health Plan for England](#), launched on 3 July 2025, sets a clear direction for the NHS: care closer to home, a focus on prevention, and digital by default. NHP is a core enabler of this vision – providing modern infrastructure built for integrated, community-first care. Our schemes support virtual wards, shared diagnostics and outpatient services beyond hospital walls. Digital capability is designed in from the start, with a focus on prevention and health equity throughout. Crucially, the Plan builds on the Government's recent [Industrial Strategy](#) and [Infrastructure Strategy](#), where the NHP features prominently. This confirms a longer-term commitment to healthcare investment – not as a one-off project, but as a national priority.

Furthermore, the government's announcement on the [New Hospital Programme: Plan for Implementation](#) in January and ongoing procurement of the 12-year, £37bn [Hospital 2.0 Alliance](#) provide certainty on the next steps for the programme, giving industry the confidence needed to prepare, invest and deliver work on NHP.

Supplier Guidance

The scale of NHP will call upon the skills and expertise of companies of all sizes (including small and medium sized enterprises), across a broad range of sectors. For further information about the NHP programme and supply chain opportunities, we encourage interested suppliers to follow the three key steps outlined below:

1. View our supply chain resources:

We strongly recommend that businesses read our [Supplier Guide](#) to find out about the programme, Hospital 2.0, how we will build our supply chain, the skills we need to build our future construction workforce and how to stay informed.

We also recommend that companies listen to [The Infrastructure Podcast: Hospital 2.0](#) (December 2025) with Doug Baldock (NHP, Executive Technical Director) and Emily King (NHP, Industrialisation Lead). They describe the Hospital 2.0 system and our approach to industrialisation. For further information, watch our [NHP Market Briefing](#) (January 2025). This provides an overview from Karin Smyth MP, the Minister of State for Health (Secondary Care), Natalie Forrest, NHP Chief Programme Officer, and Morag Stuart, former NHP Chief Programme Officer, on what the NHP [Plan for Implementation](#) means for businesses and the critical role industry must play in the delivery of new hospitals.

In addition, information on the programme, recent news, our Skills Hub and presentations from events can be found at [www.competefor.com/nhp](#). Please check back regularly for updates.

2. Register to access NHP contract opportunities:

Register on [Contracts Finder](#) to access contract opportunities with NHP and our Hospital 2.0 Alliance Partners.

Register and build/update your profile on [CompeteFor](#) to access Hospital 2.0 Alliance supply chain opportunities. This is a free online brokerage tool connecting buyers with suppliers.

3. Engage with us:

Businesses can sign up to receive ongoing updates on the programme, including the [NHP Industry Bulletin](#), by filling in our [Supply Market Survey](#). You can also follow the New Hospital Programme on [LinkedIn](#).

For any questions, please contact the NHP Markets & Supply Chain Team at nhp.suppliers@nhs.net.