

Critical Equipment Requirements Engineering Team (CERET)

Terms of Reference, Governance Arrangements and Lessons Learned

Remit

CERET's purpose is to support Health and Social Care organisations in the development, procurement and distribution of essential items and equipment in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The NHS Wales Shared Service Partnership (NWSSP) is the customer and it is their demands that drive the teams' activity and prioritisation.

The remit of CERET will be kept under continuous review, initially:

a. Working within a framework of 4 procurement routes :-

- Route 1 : existing supplier base, straightforward procurement
- Route 2 : existing supplier base, some minor restrictions on supply
- Route 3 : supply limitations, requires manufacturers to adapt processes
- Route 4 : supply does not exist

CERET's focus is on developing and delivering Route 3 and 4 solutions.

- b. Leading and managing a co-ordinated response to Covid-19 in relation to engineered solutions within the manufacturing base pan-Wales.
- c. Supporting NWSSP to develop and deliver their response to Covid-19 in key areas such as Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), clinical equipment such as ventilators and any other items identified as essential by the NWSSP.
- d. Co-ordination and reporting of information and activity with wider Covid-19 response cell structures, including actions, information, and escalation (eg. ECCW, Primary Care Cell).
- e. Rapid response to Ministerial requests and informed proactive input into WG and UK Government discussions and decisions
- f. Proposing and supporting medium and longer term Covid-19 recovery options as the UKG and WG response evolves.

Representation

CERET will meet twice daily at the start and end of each day and be constituted by representatives from the following cross-government groups:

- Surgical Materials Testing Laboratory
- Life Sciences Hub
- National Procurement Service
- Health and Social Services
- B&R Innovation