

3. Data & policy backlog

There are a number of 'open questions' to resolve

Data

Incoming supplies

- How to maintain a single, consistent view on incoming supplies (buy, make, re-use)?
- What 'discount' should we apply to inbound supplies to account for their unreliability?
- How do we estimate what elements of the national demand are being met from other sources (e.g., direct Trust procurement)?

Inventory

- How to stabilise daily inventory data?
- How much stock is held at Trusts, DAs, Wholesalers?

Requirement

- How do we forecast beyond 90 days?
- How do we validate the Ready Reckoner?

Policy

- When should we expect the NHS to return to full BAU activity?
- What should our assumption be about PPE for the wider public?
- Should we fit the model to emerging data (as a policy decision)?
- What should we plan for in terms of replenishing national contingency stocks on completion of the crisis?