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Welcome to the April 15th edition of **Business Trafford's First for Business e-newsletter** brought to you by Trafford Council.

Trafford Council's Strategic Growth Team acts as a single point of contact for businesses throughout the borough. Whether you are seeking funding, searching for sites or premises, or require guidance on the support mechanisms available to your business, the team can help.

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Featured Article

Trafford Park Company supplies NHS Nightingale

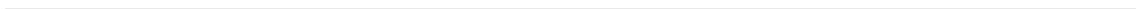
Trafford Park based manufacturing company **Trafford Rubber Products Limited** has found itself at the forefront of the Government's fight against the coronavirus epidemic – with help from Trafford Council.

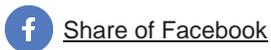
The Cabinet Office has asked **Trafford Rubber Products Limited** to be added to an emergency list of firms they can rely on to help in the fight against the virus.

The company, which manufactures rubber compounds for use in medical supplies including ventilators, signed up to a Government appeal to help the national effort which featured in an earlier edition of Trafford Council's Business Bulletin.

The company has also recently manufactured and supplied a large order of rubber sheeting for the new NHS Nightingale Hospital in Manchester.

Our thanks go to Chris Brindle, Group Commercial Director and the entire team at **Trafford Rubber Products Limited** for your valuable contribution at this time.





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Latest business information:

- **Small Business Grants update;** Many businesses have been enquiring about the progress of the Small Business Grant Fund and Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund payments. Trafford Council has been working hard to ensure we are getting the grant payments to businesses as soon as we can – to date, Trafford Council has now paid out just over £15m to over 1,100 businesses. Updates on further progress will be made later in the week. Businesses yet to submit their grant application are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. For further information on the grant application process and eligibility criteria, click [here](#).
- **HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme;** A reminder that the HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) is slated to open next Monday, 20th of April. For further information on the scheme, click [here](#).
- If you would like to speak to a member of Trafford Council's **Strategic Growth Team team** to discuss support currently available to businesses, please do so via email as outlined below or contact 0161 912 4176 and ask to be connected to a member of the team.
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Government support for businesses

A reminder that government is providing support to assist businesses at this time. Click [here](#) for details of the support mechanisms available.

Businesses eligible for government grants are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible. For details of how to apply, please click [here](#).