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## UK BUSINESS HEROES RECOGNISING BUSINESSES. ONE STORY AT A TIME

### Transforming their sports academy into a field hospital

NPTC Group of Colleges in South Wales helped their local NHS trust by transforming one of their sites, the Llandarcy Academy of Sport, into a fully equipped 340-bed field hospital in just over three weeks, with wards set up in the sports hall, gym and barn.

This provided crucial extra beds, in addition to those created in the local hospitals, as outpatient and other clinical sites were quickly redesigned to meet the challenges of the Coronavirus outbreak. As part of their support they also prepared food for NHS staff and patients using college kitchen facilities.

In addition, NPTC supported their local community by providing a drive-through Coronavirus testing facility at The Hafren Theatre, which will be open to the public until December.

With the 'new normal' shifting to an emphasis on working and learning from home, they fundamentally changed the way they delivered their training, upskilling and development offering to their clients and customers:

- They have launched 78 brand new courses via e-learning to support local businesses with varying training needs;
- They moved their Mental Health First Aid provision to online delivery, due to increased concerns on the health and wellbeing of people and staff in the current challenging environment;
- They supported the vulnerable in the local community with over 700 students receiving vouchers towards meals in lieu of free school lunches;
- Staff from the Pavilion at Llandarcy Academy of Sport provided deliveries of Sunday lunches locally, with production then switched to Neath College.

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Finally, their Newtown College Librarian **Jacinta Jolly** deserves a special mention for going 'above and beyond', by providing a weekly book delivery in association with the Powys Libraries Service.

Local libraries have been closed since lockdown began and have instead offering an 'Order and Collect Service' with local volunteers, such as Jacinta, personally delivering books to housebound local residents.

*'I am proud of the hard work and dedication of staff and students and especially so throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The award recognises the efforts during this challenging time.'*

Mark Dacey, Chief Executive and Principal  
NPTC Group of Colleges

*'A field hospital, feeding the NHS, rapid conversion to online learning and loads more brilliant stuff through Covid. Our Corporate Partner NPTC Group of Colleges – you made a tangible difference.'*

Heather Anstey, CEO  
South and Mid Wales Chamber of Commerce