

Report to the Merton Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body

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<p>Title of Document: Home Oxygen Service - London</p>	<p>Purpose of Report: For Ratification</p>
<p>Report Author: Adam Doyle, Director of Commissioning and Planning</p>	<p>Lead Director: Adam Doyle, Director of Commissioning and Planning</p>
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <p>A five year contract was signed between Ealing PCT and Air Liquide (Homecare) Ltd (the provider) on behalf of the 31 London PCTs and commenced on 2 April 2012. London's spend for HOS in 12/13 was £9.5m for a variable patient population of c9500. This contract transferred to Ealing CCG in April 2013. The Chief Officer of Ealing CCG is ultimately responsible for decisions on the London HOS contract. The day to day management of the contract is carried out by the SLCSU on behalf of the 32 London CCGs.</p> <p>The HOS contract was managed from April 2012- March 2013 by NHS London with input from a Contract Management Board (CMB) made up of 6 Cluster representatives for the PCTs (NW, NC, ONEL, EL&C, SW & SE) with 3 respiratory clinician advisors and the NHSL Contract manager.</p> <p>On a number of occasions the cluster representatives of the CMB questioned their authority to make financial decisions. These were then passed back to the Chief Executive of Ealing for a decision. Invariably there were delays and some matters went unresolved for some time. The problem with HOS approvals in general, relate, to the relative low value of the contract and service vs. the high risk to patients of supplier non-compliance.</p> <p>It is proposed that a delegation of authority is agreed to enable the SLCSU contract management function to be carried out in a timely and rigorous way with appropriate scrutiny by the London CCGs.</p> <p>The SLCSU will continue to run the routine contract management activities day to day and provide summary reports to the CMB. The provider and CSU already provide CCGs with monthly activity and financial summary reports.</p> <p>For new developments or significant contractual approvals up to £250,000 it is proposed that the SLCSU work up proposals and circulate these to the CMB for consideration and approval. Where an urgent decision is required that cannot wait for the meeting cycle, an extraordinary meeting will be convened. As such chief officers will approve delegated authority to the CMB resulting in decisions made more quickly, and correspondingly better patient outcomes. The Chief Officer has requested that a SW London representative from the SW London COG sits on the CMV and the individual will be agreed through COG.</p> <p>This approach was agreed by the Chief Officer and Clinical Chair</p>	
<p>Recommendation(s): The Merton Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body is requested to ratify the Clinical Chair's Action</p>	

Committees which have previously discussed/agreed the report: None
Financial Implications: Nil
Other Implications: (including patient and public involvement/Legal/Governance/ Risk/ Diversity/ Staffing) NIL
Equality Analysis: Nil
Information Privacy Issues: Nil
Communication Plan: (including any implications under the Freedom of Information Act or NHS Constitution) Nil