

Consultation Report

Topic details

Title of Service Specification:	Adult Critical Care – Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) for Respiratory Failure in adults.
Programme of Care:	Trauma
Clinical Reference Group:	Adult Critical Care CRG
URN:	URN 170110S

1. Summary

This report summarises the outcome of a public consultation that was undertaken to test the service specification proposal.

2. Background

This service specification proposal is for a highly specialised service for adults who require extra corporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) for respiratory failure.

ECMO is a form of life support used for patients with severe respiratory failure with a potentially reversible cause. ECMO can be used to support patients with any form of potentially reversible severe respiratory failure.

The service is commissioned from 5 providers who offer this treatment. It is estimated that between 200 – 300 patients will be accepted for treatment by this service annually, however, this is subject to significant variation in response to any incident, event or outbreak of disease that may result in the need for treatment by a specialist adult respiratory ECMO centre.

This service specification is an update to the current published service specification, to ensure that it is reflective of current practice and improves the quality indicators against which the service is monitored against.

3. Publication of consultation

The draft service specification was published and sign-posted on NHS England's website and was open to consultation feedback for a period of 30 days from 20th July 2018 to 19th August 2018. Consultation comments have then been shared with the Service Specification Working Group to enable full consideration of feedback and to

support a decision on whether any changes to the service specification might be recommended.

Respondents were asked the following consultation questions:

- Does the impact assessment fairly reflect the likely activity, budget and service impact?
- Does the document describe the key standards of care and quality standards you would expect for this service?
- Please provide any comments that you may have about the potential impact on equality and health inequalities which might arise as a result of the proposed changes that we have described?
- Are there any changes or additions you think need to be made to this document, and why?

4. Results of consultation

- [REDACTED] responses were received during the period of public consultation. [REDACTED] were on behalf of organisations and [REDACTED] were submitted as individuals.
- All [REDACTED] responses agreed the impact assessment fairly reflects the likely activity, budget and service impact.
- All [REDACTED] responses agreed the document described the key standards of care and quality standards you would expect for this service.
- [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] responses identified an additional equality or health inequality impact which should be considered in relation to the proposed service specification, suggesting that ECMO should be available in every large ICU, as transfer of patients eligible for this treatment is hazardous. This was considered by the working group and responded to.
- None of the respondents suggested further changes to the service specification.

5. How have consultation responses been considered?

Responses have been carefully considered and noted in line with the following categories:

- Level 1: Incorporated into draft document immediately to improve accuracy or clarity.
- Level 2: Issue has already been considered by the SSWG in its development and therefore draft document requires no further change.

- Level 3: Could result in a more substantial change, requiring further consideration by the CRG in its work programme and as part of the next iteration of the document.
- Level 4: Falls outside of the scope of the specification and NHS England's direct commissioning responsibility.

6. Has anything been changed in the service specification as a result of the consultation?

The service specification working group reviewed and discussed all comments received as a result of the public consultation. The comments received were considered to be level 2 responses, and no further changes have been made to the document.

7. Are there any remaining concerns outstanding following the consultation that have not been resolved in the final service specification proposal?

No.