

## Home Oxygen Pathway for Palliative patients in community setting.

Home oxygen can either be prescribed as Long Term Oxygen Therapy or Palliative Oxygen Therapy. If the patient has a prognosis of less than 3 months it is requested that the GP prescribe palliative oxygen by following this pathway. If there prognosis is over 3 months and need assessing for Long Term Oxygen Therapy or Ambulatory Oxygen Therapy which is carried out by referring to the Home Oxygen Service.

Guidance on consensus approaches to managing Palliative Care Symptoms can be found here: [palliative-care-clinical-practice-summary-nwc-sc01.pdf](https://www.lancashireteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/palliative-care-clinical-practice-summary-nwc-sc01.pdf)

If patient consents to trial palliative oxygen, GP to prescribe palliative oxygen on HOOF part A

The current Home Oxygen Provider in the North West is Baywater Healthcare limited.

Guidance and forms required to complete a HOOF part A can be found at <https://www.baywater.co.uk/clinicians-commissioners/our-therapies/oxygen/prescribing>

### Completing HOOF part A form

- Recommend a flow rate of 2L/min via nasal cannula unless clinical assessment suggests otherwise.
- Educate on signs of CO2 retention.
- Prescribe static concentrator (back up cylinder will automatically be provided)
- Recommend do not prescribe to current smokers.
- Where possible please request next day installation.
- Once HOOF part A completed please send to Baywater at - [BHLTD.ehoof@nhs.net](mailto:BHLTD.ehoof@nhs.net)

### Risk Mitigation (IHORM) and Consent form (HOCF)

NHS England made the completion of the Initial Risk Mitigation Form (IHORM) mandatory for all first time Oxygen orders.

Once IHORM and HOCF forms are completed please send to - [lth-tr.homeoxygenservice@nhs.net](mailto:lth-tr.homeoxygenservice@nhs.net) to be kept with the patients record.

The locally commissioned Home Oxygen Service will receive confirmation of the prescription and arrange follow up at home within 1 month to review safety and support appropriate use. If there is additional information that will support this follow up, please send to [lth-tr.homeoxygenservice@nhs.net](mailto:lth-tr.homeoxygenservice@nhs.net)

HOS team will review at 3 months if required. Discuss with clinicians that know patient to review prognosis. (Continue palliative oxygen, assess for LTOT or remove oxygen)