

Dear colleagues,

As I have said in my previous letter's things change frequently as we learn through this pandemic! We are writing to let you now that the feedback from care homes and GP's has been very positive regarding the provision of Oxygen concentrators to support managing symptoms in Covid 19 Disease. As such along with suppliers the new plan is that all care home's in Greater Glasgow and Clyde will be offered an oxygen concentrator and the required education in the coming weeks.

The oxygen concentrator will be used as a 'just in case' machine. This should reduce the delay in starting oxygen is a patient deteriorates suddenly or if new oxygen is needed overnight. If oxygen is initiated in these circumstances, then a referral should be made in the patients name through SCI gateway to the CRRT the next day. This will allow another 'just in case' concentrator to be delivered to the home. The CRRT will contact the home to offer advice and support on receipt of this referral. The CRRT and respiratory consultants are also available for discussion through the local CRRT as below or through your local hospital switchboard.

We hope this will help you to continue to offer the best supportive care in the patients care home.

Kindest regards

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