



integrated working

GOVERNING BODY

Agenda Item No.	06
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Title	Chair and Chief Officer Action – No 03/2017	
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Purpose	To present to the Governing Body for endorsement recent action taken by the Chair and Chief Officer	
Applicable CCG Clinical Priorities:		
1.	Develop clinical leadership	
2.	Demonstrate excellence in patient experience & patient engagement	
3.	Improve the health & care of older people	
4.	Improve access to mental health services	
5.	Improve health & wellbeing through partnership working	
6.	Deliver financial sustainability through quality improvement	
Action required by Governing Body:		
To endorse action taken by the Chair and Chief Officer with regard to Enteral Feeds and Oral Nutritional Supplements (ONS)		



CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF OFFICER ACTION – No: 03/2017

SUBJECT: Enteral Feeds and Oral Nutritional Supplements (ONS)

1. Background

- 1.1 Enteral feeds and ONS are currently prescribed on FP10 prescription, authorised by GPs and funded from the GP prescribing budget. However, GPs are not experts in this area and hence the use of enteral feeds and ONS is largely unregulated, lacking a controlled approach.
- 1.2 A 12-month pilot is planned to take prescribing of enteral feeds and ONS off FP10, commencing 01 December 2017. The prescribing budget for enteral feeds and ONS would be transferred to the West Suffolk Dietetic Service.
- 1.3 The new arrangements would:
 - o Ensure a controlled management of the prescribing budget.
 - o Improve patient pathways and outcomes.
 - o Improve nutrition support, by offering a full assessment and tailored treatment plans, based on evidenced clinical need.
 - o Align with one main supplier (Fresenius-Kabi).
 - o Reduce current spend on enteral feeds and ONS by:
 - a) Reducing the total number of patients on ONS by 20-30%;
 - b) Ensuring regular review to reduce wastage;
 - c) Securing additional discounts offered by Fresenius Kabi, which they would offer due to being the main supplier.

2. Key Points

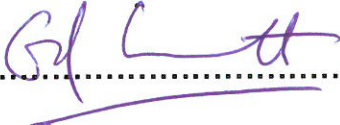
- 2.1 Current spend on enteral feeds and ONS in the WSCCG is approx. £850k p.a.
- 2.2 Audits in 2013 and July 2017 show that 40-50% of patients on ONS have been initiated by GPs or other non-dietetic health care professionals.
- 2.3 NICE guidance states that patients on ONS should be reviewed 3-6 monthly or sooner if clinically indicated. Audit of our locality shows 29% of patients initiated on ONS by GPs have not been reviewed for 1 year or more; 13% have not been reviewed for 2 years or more.
- 2.4 Many factors add to the difficulties of budgetary control. These include an increase in the number of patients who are fed enterally, e.g. due to an increase in cancer diagnosis and an aging population, as well as fluctuations in market forces.
- 2.5 This pilot offers improved efficiencies and better use of NHS resources, by optimising expert dietitian input in this specialist area.
- 2.6 Anticipated savings for the system (WSCCG-WSFT) are £84,311 - £131,221 p.a.
- 2.7 West Suffolk Hospital has confirmed in writing that they will underwrite the costs of any potential challenge associated with the use of one dietetic company for the purposes of the pilot.
- 2.8 West Suffolk Hospital has confirmed in writing that they will underwrite on-going prescribing of enteral feeds and ONS (via FP10) that occurs after the funding is transferred to the Trust. The CCG will invoice the Trust monthly reflecting any remaining costs of supplements going through the old pathway.

2.9 The value of enteral feeds and ONS budget to be transferred to the West Suffolk Dietetic Service will be £836,733.18 (£265,174.83 in 17/18 and £571,558.35 on 1st April 2018 for 18/19).

3. Approval

Approval by Chair/Chief Officer Action under delegated powers is therefore sought for the transfer of the enteral feeds and ONS budget to West Suffolk Dietetic Service as set out in this paper.

APPROVED (Chair)  DATE 15/11/17

APPROVED (Chief Officer)  DATE 14/11/17