Estates teams will be aware of the very high demands for oxygen services which are currently being experienced nationally. In response to this Simon Corben has requested all NHS trusts to implement the following 4 key actions:

1. Maintain and enforce good housekeeping for the bulk medical oxygen supply – this includes switching off from areas of the trust site which are not in use;
2. Engage and ensure that there is regular consultation and involvement of the MGPS Authorised Engineer in the clinical decision making process;
3. Monitor and maintain an effective vaporiser de-icing regime; and
4. Ensure that trust bed modelling and planning takes full account of bulk medical O2 capacity & flow availability.

While we expect the current pressures to continue, the implementation of the actions listed above will help to alleviate the situation.

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