

Quality Standards for services providing Long Term Ventilation for Children and Young People

MCLTVN QS V5



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The Quality Standards (QS) for services providing Long Term Ventilation (LTV) for Children and Young People (CYP) set out what services should be working towards to drive quality improvement and provide safe, effective, and consistent care. They are intended to provide assurance to CYP and families that national guidance and best practice have been implemented. These QS can then empower CYP and their families to know what to expect from their transitions through the care continuum.

The QS will ensure Commissioners are supported to improve health and reduce health inequalities to meet the needs of their CYP LTV population. The QS will facilitate joint working between service providers and commissioners to improve service quality, thereby providing assurance to commissioners in their provider selection.

The QS were written by **Midlands Children's Long Term Ventilation Network (MCLTVN)** in collaboration with the West Midlands Quality Review Service (WMQRS) in 2013. With the dissolution of WMQRS, these were gifted in their entirety to MCLTVN. The latest QS (2022) were reviewed by the network with the support of **Partners in Paediatrics (PIP)**.

MCLTVN is a network of NHS multidisciplinary healthcare professionals with a passion to make a difference in the care of CYP requiring LTV. MCLTVN invested in the development of the QS to address the inequities and inequalities of care to improve accessibility and quality of care:

- To support commissioning of safe and effective care across the continuum of care settings; from the tertiary centre, step down, respite to continuing healthcare commissioning to enable safe discharge home and beyond.
- To ensure a holistic approach to care of the CYP and their family ensuring consistency, quality and safety of care provision.
- To ensure the CYP can reach their full potential, including developmentally, emotionally, educationally and socially.

The development of the QS provided an evaluation method for reviewing services, through self-assessment or peer review. MCLTVN are currently reviewing this process following the publication of Version 5 and this will be available later in 2023. Updates will be available on the [PIP website](#).

The original (2013) QS were adopted by NHS England's E07/S/C Service Specification for Paediatric LTV (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Paediatric-long-term-ventilation.pdf>).

NCEPOD 'Balancing the Pressures: A review of the quality of care provided to children and young people aged 0-24 years who were receiving long-term ventilation' (2020) referenced the QS as an associated guideline.

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