**Suggested draft letter to CEO’s**

Dear … CEO of….

I am writing to ask for your support in escalating a concern affecting many of the individuals under the care of this organisation.

I am a lead clinician within the regional ventilation service for…. We support a population of individuals who are dependent on the use of a ventilator to maintain their health and quality of life. A proportion of these individuals are dependent on the use of a ventilator for 16 hours or more a day, without this the risk of death or serious harm is a high possibility. Some of our patients use a ventilator for life support and cannot breathe without it for any duration. For all our patients the inability to use a ventilator is likely to increase mortality and co-morbidity as well as reduce quality of life.

The escalating cost of electricity directly impacts on our patients’ ability to use their ventilators as well as other medical technologies such a feeding pumps, air mattresses etc. We are hearing regular accounts from our ventilator users that electricity costs have doubled or higher. Many are now unable to afford to run their equipment or face crippling debt.

As a group of specialists working in this field, we have escalated our concerns to the NHSE CEO asking for a route for financial reimbursement or support to offset the cost of using medical equipment. We are uncertain that our escalation alone is enough to bring this change.

We are asking for the CEOs of the organisations that deliver complex home ventilation services to also raise this as a serious concern. Please can we ask you to raise a concern to the NHSE executive team and the NHSE CEO, asking for a route for financial assistance to offset the rising electricity costs for our vulnerable patient's dependant on medical technology?

I have attached a draft that you may wish to amend to send

Thank you

Signed.... (add service lead names)