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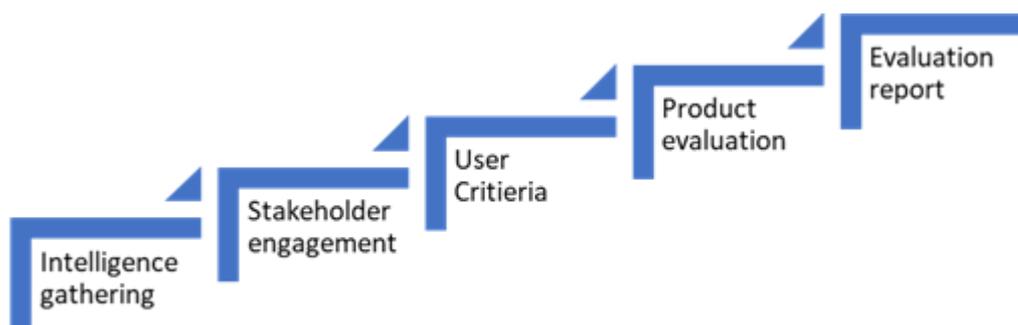
Dear Colleague

RE: Clinical evaluation of Baby Food / Milk and Feeding Accessories

I am writing to you on behalf of the Clinical Engagement and Implementation Managers (CEIM) for NHS Supply Chain Rehabilitation, Disabled Services, Women's Health and Associated Consumables, Tower 5 provided by Collaborative Procurement Partnership LLP (CPP).

The CEIM team members are a clinical team employed by CPP and are fundamental to delivering the new NHS Supply Chain Operating Model. The team has been brought together from a range of NHS and procurement organisations, including theatre practitioners, nurses with acute sector experience and paramedics. Team members have extensive experience of working in clinical procurement roles at national, regional and local levels. Our role is to develop and apply a formal and transparent process of clinically evaluating healthcare products to identify those that deliver quality, safety and value to the NHS.

To deliver this, we have developed a 5-stage evaluation process:



The results of the evaluation will be published in the format of a product report and will be published in the NHS Supply Chain catalogue.

The process will be assured by the Clinical and Product Assurance (CaPA) function of Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL).



The role of the Clinical and Product Assurance (CaPA) function of SCCL is to perform clinical assurance on behalf of SCCL.

SCCL is committed to providing a clinically assured, safe and optimised product range for the health and social care system which meets the needs of Allied Health and Care Professionals (AHCP), patients, carers.

When are we evaluating?

All Rehabilitation, Disabled Services, Women's Health and Associated Consumables are currently associated to a national contract/framework. The Baby Feeds / Milk and Associated Accessories framework is currently under evaluation and includes;

1. Baby Feeding – Food & Milk - Term and pre-term baby feed including;

- Powdered infant formula
- Gluten free powdered infant formula
- Prepared, ready to use infant formula including hungry, gluten free and low allergen variants
- Breast milk fortifier
- Breakfast meals for babies (fruit and/or cereal based such as rice or oats)
- Savoury meals for babies (to have an appetising taste and smell with taste characteristics tending to umami and saltiness, not sweet)
- Desserts for babies (taste characteristics to be sweet)
- Baby snacks including biscuits
- Baby drinks including distilled water, flavoured water and fruit juice

2. Baby Feeding - Accessories

- Baby bottles (disposable, reusable, with or without teats);
- Tamper evident bottle caps;
- Bottle sealing machines;
- Finger feeding devices;
- Feeding cups;
- Baby cups (single and double handled);
- Beakers (single or dual handled);
- Special needs feeder;
- Weaning/training cup;
- Teats (latex, latex-free, silicone and specialist variants);
- Soothers/Pacifiers (latex, latex-free, silicone and specialist variants);
- Sterilisers (electric and microwave);
- Steriliser bags;
- **Breast pumps (single and double, manual and electric variants);**

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- Sterile milk collection systems;
- Nipple shields and shells;
- Breast/nipple creams;
- Breast/nursing pads and shells;
- Soothing pads;
- Thermo/hydro gel pads;
- Breast pump accessories and replacement parts.

We are keen to engage with relevant clinical staff prior to the expiry of current contracts to understand the product scope in the market place.

How will we develop the evaluation criteria?

The evaluation criteria will be developed to ensure they are objective and measurable. They will reflect what the clinical/end users tell us they need the product to do, to ensure the delivery of care which is safe, represents value for money and provides a quality patient and end user experience.

To build evaluation criteria we will run a series of national engagement activities with clinical stakeholders of the products including, for example, workshops, individual consultations, online surveys and webinars for NHS clinicians.

We will undertake an independent review of the current literature/evidence base and along with technical and supporting literature from suppliers merge all this intelligence into a set of evaluation criteria.

Why are we writing to you now?

We are now at the beginning of our process and are collecting intelligence on products. It is vitally important we have feedback from yourselves, colleagues and networks and we now invite you to kindly share with us your feedback. If you would like to share your knowledge and experience, could you please complete the attached survey and share the link with colleagues.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/G1AGV/>

If you would like to join our national network of clinical staff keen to be involved with the process, please email cppceimt5@supplychain.nhs.uk with your details or those of any interested colleagues.



As you will appreciate, we need to conduct this process with rigour and in a timely fashion. For this reason, we would greatly appreciate your co-operation if you could ensure your submission is received by 5pm on February 22nd, 2019.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

Clinical Evaluation & Implementation Team

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