The use of nitrous oxide in operating theatres, procedural suites and emergency departments is declining due to a range of clinical and environmental concerns. It is, however, still commonly used in maternity and paediatric services. With the exception of maternity and paediatric services, reticulated nitrous oxide and associated scavange outlets are to be considered optional. Where found to be clinically necessary, provision of nitrous oxide via piped outlets or via cylinder is to be determined at a project level, based on an assessment of expected clinical needs, security of gas sources, operational considerations such as monitoring and measurement of usage, and management of leakage.