



**Wigan Borough
Clinical Commissioning Group**

NHS-funded nursing care

NHS-funded nursing care is funding provided by the NHS to Care Homes providing nursing, to support the provision of nursing care by a registered nurse for those assessed as eligible. If an individual does not qualify for NHS CHC the need for care from a registered nurse should be determined. If an individual has such a need and it is determined that the individual's overall needs would be most appropriately met in a Care Home providing nursing care, then this would consequently lead to eligibility for NHS – funded nursing care. The Clinical Commissioning Group will then pay a flat rate contribution to the Care Home towards registered nursing care costs.

Further Information

If you require any further information regarding the Continuing Healthcare process, NHS-funded nursing care or Personal Health Budgets please do not hesitate to contact:

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NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded nursing care PATIENT INFORMATION



**For further information, contact
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Continuing Healthcare

If a member of your care team has identified that you may possibly be eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare (NHS CHC), they will discuss this with you and explain about NHS CHC and the process used to determine eligibility. They will also give you a copy of a local and Department of Health Patient Information Leaflet.

Continuing Healthcare Checklist

Before the member of your care team completes the 'Checklist' he/she will ask if you wish to commence the process and they will ask for your consent. They will also ask if you give permission for your health and social care records to be accessed and whether they can be shared with other professionals involved.

Once you have consented to the process the 'Checklist' will be completed by a member of your care team. If on completion of the checklist 'full consideration' for NHS CHC is indicated, arrangements will be made to hold a multidisciplinary team meeting to discuss your care needs. If the Checklist does not indicate further consideration the member of your care team completing the Checklist will give an explanation for this and will give you a copy of the completed Checklist.

Full Consideration for NHS Continuing Healthcare

Your Care Team will arrange a multi-disciplinary team meeting, involving key members of your care team. You will be invited to fully contribute to the meeting along with any family members or advocates who you wish to attend. The professional leading the meeting will explain the purpose of the meeting and the process.

The assessment of your care needs will identify whether or not you are entitled to NHS CHC. Following consideration of all your care needs the team will decide if they recommend or do not recommend that you meet the eligibility criteria for NHS CHC. Whatever the outcome, the professional leading the meeting will forward the completed 'Decision Support Tool' and relevant assessments and information to Wigan Borough Clinical Commissioning Group Continuing Healthcare Department. The Continuing Healthcare Eligibility Panel will then consider all the information and make a final decision regarding your eligibility for NHS CHC.

The Head of Continuing Healthcare will then write to you to communicate the final decision regarding your eligibility. They will also write to the health professional who attended the multi-disciplinary team meeting and your Social Worker.

NHS CHC means a package of continuing care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS. Patients eligible for NHS CHC have a right to have a personal health budget if preferred. If you are found eligible for NHS CHC you will need to be aware that state benefits and allowances currently used to fund your care may be affected.

Continuing Healthcare Reviews

If you are eligible for NHS CHC the letter will confirm that regular reviews will be undertaken. These reviews will include a review of CHC eligibility and your care package.

Continuing Healthcare Disputes

If you are not eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare and you do not agree with the decision you have a right to request a review. This will be communicated in the letter sent to you, with information regarding the review process. If you request a review of the decision, information will be sent to you regarding the dispute process.