



NHS Continuing Healthcare Funding

A guide for relatives



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Some residents may be eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) funding which can be used to pay for your relative's nursing care. We have put together a handy guide along with some useful resources to help you to decide whether your relative may be eligible for CHC funding.

What is NHS Continuing Healthcare?

A package of ongoing care, arranged and funded by the NHS for individuals over 18 with a 'primary health need'. The package is designed to meet their health and social care needs as determined by assessment.

What is a 'primary health need'?

There is no official definition, but to establish eligibility, your relative will need to undergo a continuing healthcare assessment.

What to do if you think your relative might be eligible

Speak to your GP, social worker or care home manager, who will advise on the next steps and can arrange for your relative to have a continuing healthcare assessment.

The assessment is carried out in two stages:

1

- Initial screening - carried out by a specially trained nurse or social worker
- Resident is evaluated against a checklist to determine eligibility for a full assessment

2

- Full assessment of eligibility Organised by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Includes contributions from a range of healthcare professionals involved in your relative's care
- Establishes specific health and social care needs that are eligible for funding
- Forms a care plan





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Is NHS Continuing Healthcare means tested?

No, funding is wholly provided by the NHS. You are not required to pay any additional fees for health and social care needs identified in your relative's care plan.

What will the funding pay for?

The funding will pay for health and social care services which meet 100% of the needs identified in your relative's care plan. In some

circumstances, you may wish to purchase additional private care services, but these will be voluntary.

How long does NHS Continuing Healthcare funding last for?

The funding will last as long as your relative is eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare. CHC eligibility will be assessed after an initial three-month period and then every 12 months on an ongoing basis.



Further reading

The NHS and Government websites have several resources on NHS Continuing Healthcare - visit the following websites and search for "continuing healthcare".

www.gov.uk

www.nhs.uk

Beacon provide advice and representation for families who are struggling to navigate the maze of NHS Continuing Healthcare.

www.beaconchc.co.uk

Care to be Different are a specialist online information resource all about NHS Continuing Healthcare funding in England.

caretobedifferent.co.uk

