

What if I'm not eligible for Continuing Healthcare funding?

If a young person is ineligible for Continuing Healthcare funding, the Transition Nurse will continue to contribute to the transition process, where appropriate, until the young person's care has transitioned to adult services; which may be provided by Adult Social Care or universal services.

Sometimes it may be appropriate for care to be jointly funded between health and Social Care even though a young person does not have a primary health need. If this is the case, the young person and family/carers will be advised following ratification at panel.

Referral

There is automatic referral for young people already in receipt of Continuing Care funding.

New transition referrals, prior to age 18yrs follow the Continuing Care referral pathway.

Referrals for individuals 18yrs and over can be made via a Social Worker or by self-referral – simply email or write to address requesting a Continuing Healthcare Assessment (p.6).

Further Reading

Understanding Personal Health Budgets
[Understanding personal health budgets \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

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Transition & Continuing Care in Hertfordshire

Information for Young People, Parents & Carers

Young people in receipt of Continuing Care and their families/carers will be supported in the transition to adult services from the age of 14yrs.

The Continuing Healthcare Transition Nurse will attend key meetings regarding transition, working together with the (Continuing Care) Children's Nurse and other relevant health and social care professionals until assessment for NHS Continuing Healthcare age 17yrs.

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This assessment will determine a decision in principle so that, wherever applicable, effective packages of care can be commissioned in time for the young person's 18th birthday.

What is NHS Continuing Healthcare?

NHS Continuing Healthcare is a package of ongoing (community-based) care provided to an individual aged 18yrs plus.

The package of care would look to meet complex health care needs that have arisen as a result of disability, accident or illness (not based on diagnosis).

To be eligible for Continuing Healthcare funding, the individual will have been deemed to have a '**primary health need**' as determined by The National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS Funded Nursing Care (Jul 2022). At this point, the NHS becomes responsible for providing all of the individual's assessed health and social care needs.

Care that is free at the point of delivery can include support in the home, respite, supported living and residential/nursing home care; this can be commissioned by the Continuing Healthcare team or you can choose a **Personal Health Budget** to meet assessed needs.

See back page to find out where to find further information regarding Personal Health Budgets

The Assessment Process



If the young person is deemed to lack mental capacity to consent to a Continuing Healthcare assessment, a best interest decision will be

made regarding this, in consultation with family/carers.

The decision-making process, as set out in The National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS Funded Nursing Care (Jul 2022), is used to determine eligibility for Continuing Healthcare funding in adulthood (18yrs plus).

This process involves gathering information, such as assessments and care plans, to evidence the young person's health care needs. A multi-disciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) is then held to complete the Decision Support Tool (DST) – a document that records healthcare needs and the level of need in 11 different health care domains.

The young person is encouraged to attend the MDT (unless this is not appropriate) alongside family/carers and health and social care professionals involved in the young person's care.

At the end of the meeting, professionals will make a recommendation regarding eligibility.



This recommendation is taken to a Continuing Healthcare panel for ratification and the young person/parents/carers are notified of the outcome within two weeks. If a young person is deemed to have a 'primary health need', as determined by The National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS Funded Nursing Care (Jul 2022), all the young person's Health and Social Care needs will be met by NHS Continuing Healthcare funding; this will be free at the point of delivery.

If the decision is not ratified at panel, further evidence may be requested, which can lead to two outcomes. Ratification of the recommendation (deemed to have a primary health need) or the young person is ineligible for Continuing Healthcare funding; a letter explaining the appeals process will be given at this point.

If you need further help or information in relation to Children and Young People's Continuing Care in Hertfordshire, please contact the Children and Young People's team on 1442 284105 or email Hvccg.cypcc@nhs.net