



**NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) is a package of care arranged and funded solely by the NHS in England for a person who is aged 18 or over and has been found to have a 'primary health need' that has arisen because of disability, accident, or illness.**

Continuing Healthcare can be used to pay for care and in any setting including: care at home, residential or nursing homes and the accommodation.

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) that holds the contract with the GP practice responsible for care at the time of application is responsible for deciding eligibility to Continuing Healthcare.

The National Screening Continuing Healthcare Checklist aims to help trained health/social care professionals identify people who should have a full assessment to determine their eligibility.

Following the checklist, if appropriate, a full assessment will be carried out by a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) and the Decision Support Tool (DST) used to establish eligibility to Continuing Health Care.

# Continuing Healthcare

The checklist is based on 11 out of 12 care domains (areas of care need) used in the decision support tool. The domain 'other significant needs' is not used in a checklist Decision Support Tool (or by use of the Fast Track Pathway Tool), a decision has been reached, challenging that decision should be addressed through the local resolution procedure, initially.

The **Fast Track** Pathway Tool is used when a person has a rapidly deteriorating condition and may be entering a terminal phase. It can only be completed by an 'appropriate clinician' and contains sufficient evidence to establish eligibility. Where it is appropriate to use the Fast Track Pathway Tool, this replaces the need for a Checklist and Decision Support Tool to be completed.

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	Behaviour	Cognition	Psychological/Emotional needs	Communication	Mobility	Nutrition, Food and Drink	Continence	Skin Tissue and Viability	Breathing	Drug Therapies	Altered State of Consciousness	Other significant care needs

## Funded Nursing Care Payment

NHS continuing healthcare must be considered, and a decision made prior to any consideration of eligibility for NHS funded nursing care.

Funded Nursing Care Payment is a weekly payment currently £158.16 per week (2018/19), this is reviewed annually and provided by the NHS to homes providing nursing care, to support the provision of nursing care by a registered nurse.

FNC is another name for the RNCC which was paid at three different rates and for those who received the higher rate in 2007 this will increase from £213.32 (2017/18) to £217.59 per week for 2018/19. This is only relevant for people who were already on the higher rate in 2007 when the single band was introduced.

## Independent consultancy for later life

Chris Moon-Willems has over 30 years' experience of working for the NHS and Social Services within senior management roles and is a registered Social Worker. Having specialised in the care of older people early on in her professional training, she is now recognised as an expert voice on elderly care.

Chris also holds the Society of Later Life Advisors (SOLLA) care advice standard, having been one of the first people in the UK to achieve the award.



The SOLLA Care Advice Standard aims to ensure that people are able to find quality assured information and advice on choosing and paying for adult care quickly and easily. All advisers have satisfied the required criteria, giving peace of mind that the advice you are given is from those who have proven their specialist knowledge. Check out their website SOLLA Care

Chris has been interviewed several times on both national TV and radio, including the BBC.

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