



## NHS continuing healthcare (CHC)

**This leaflet explains what you might expect to happen if a relative or someone you care for requires consideration for NHS continuing healthcare after leaving Royal Berkshire Hospital.**

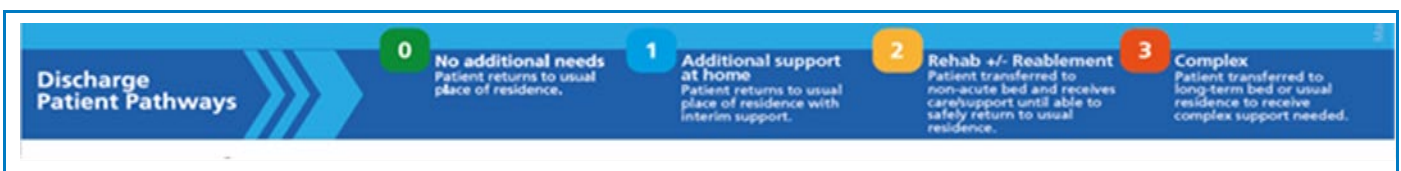
There is a national framework for determining whether an individual is eligible for NHS-funded continuing healthcare or NHS-funded nursing care.

A person is eligible for NHS continuing healthcare (CHC) or NHS-funded nursing care if they have a **'primary health need'**, and the Government has set out assessment processes to determine whether this is the case. **These assessments need to happen at the right time and right place, once ongoing needs are known.**

**In Berkshire West, CHC assessments will usually be completed outside of the acute hospital but this will differ in different parts of the country. Our process is as follows:**

1. The decision to consider screening is made by the multi-disciplinary team looking after the individual whilst in hospital.
2. A screening 'checklist' is used to assess whether the individual should be referred for a full assessment of eligibility (by a separate NHS team) for NHS continuing healthcare.
3. The final decision on eligibility will be made by this team, who sit in the Berkshire West CCG (clinical commissioning group).
4. If the individual has savings above the threshold set by the Government, they will be expected to contribute to care costs until their assessments are completed.
5. If the individual is found to be eligible for fully funded CHC, these costs up to the date of discharge from hospital will be reimbursed.

\*For further guidance on the application of NHS continuing healthcare, please refer to the: [National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care](#)



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