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Ref: FOI 212

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Dear Requestor

### **Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

On 6 January 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to Continuing Healthcare. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

*Signature removed*

**Paddy Baker**  
Data Protection Officer  
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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**Q1:**

How does NHS Dorset CCG establish whether a person's needs are within/outside local authority legal limits; i.e. merely incidental or ancillary to the provision of the accommodation which a local authority is under a duty to provide and of a nature which it can be expected that an authority whose primary responsibility is to provide social services, can be expected to provide?

**Response:**

The attached guidance is followed in all circumstances to ascertain whether a person's needs are within/outside local authority legal limits:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/746063/20181001\\_National\\_Framework\\_for\\_CHC\\_and\\_FNC\\_-\\_October\\_2018\\_Revised.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/746063/20181001_National_Framework_for_CHC_and_FNC_-_October_2018_Revised.pdf)

**Q2:**

Is there one standard/benchmark applied to all CHC assessments, to establish eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare? If so, please provide details and copies of relevant documents,

**Response:**

Not Applicable.

**Or:**

**Q3:**

Is each case considered individually, on a case-by-case basis, according to each individual's particular needs? If so, please provide details and copies of relevant documents.

**Response:**

Each case is considered individually in accordance with the following guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-continuing-healthcare-decision-support-tool>