

Ref: FOI 228

24 January 2020

Dear Requestor

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

On 21 January 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to NHS 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

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

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The National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations 2012, states,

“21. (7) In deciding whether a person has a primary health need in accordance with paragraph (5)(b), a relevant body must consider whether the nursing or other health services required by that person are—

- (a) where that person is, or is to be, accommodated in relevant premises, more than incidental or ancillary to the provision of accommodation which a social services authority is, or would be but for a person’s means, under a duty to provide; or
- (b) of a nature beyond which a social services authority whose primary responsibility is to provide social services could be expected to provide,

and, if it decides that the nursing or other health services required do, when considered in their totality, fall within sub-paragraph (a) or (b), it must decide that that person has a primary health need.”

With reference to the above:

**Q1:**

Against what criteria, (benchmark/scale/yardstick), are the nature, intensity, complexity and unpredictability of a person’s needs measured/assessed/weighed?

**Response:**

In compliance with the National Framework for Continuing Healthcare and NHS Funded Nursing Care (Revised October 2018)

[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:**

Please provide a copy of the document used to measure/assess/weigh a person’s needs.

**Response:**

Decision Support Tool as contained within the National Framework for Continuing Healthcare and NHS Funded Nursing Care (Revised October 2018)

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