

Continuing Health Care

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Continuing NHS Funded Health Care

- Continuing NHS funded health care is defined as a package of care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS. This care is provided over an extended period of time to persons aged 18 years and over, to meet physical or mental health needs, that has arisen as a result of disability, accident or illness (DOH 2009)

Overview

- NHS CHC means a package of care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS
- The National Framework sets out the principles and processes in England for NHS Continuing Healthcare
- The main responsibilities for the NHS and LA are in primary legislation

Overview

- 11 domains
- Results in a primary need for health care
- Neither the LA or the PCT can dictate what the other agency should provide
- Eligibility places no limits on the settings in which a package of support can be offered or the type of service delivery

Criteria

- Nature: particular characteristics of an individual's needs and overall effect of those needs on the individual
- Intensity: relates to both the extent and severity of needs and the support required to meet those needs
- Complexity: how the needs present and interact to increase the skill required to monitor the symptoms and treat conditions/ manage care

Hampshire

- We can fund approx 1,500 packages of care
- 2,559 elements
- Can spend £92m per year

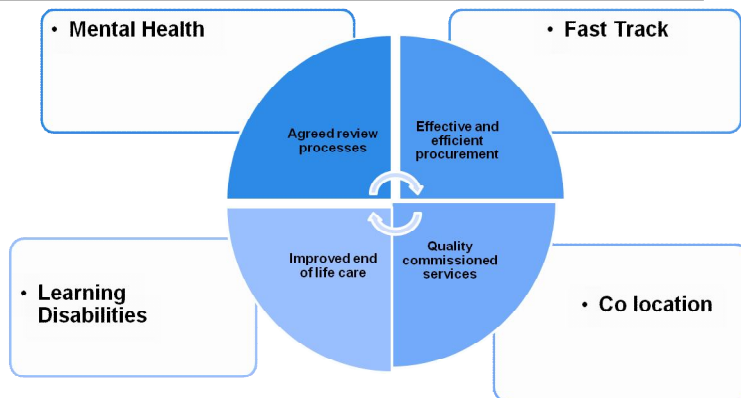
Issues

- Range of challenges; traditionally have funded people who did not meet the criteria e.g fast track referrals
- Criteria is complex and potentially open to interpretation
- There are no absolute definitions of health and social care
- Identified changes in the population and the growing demand for services

Issues

- Sensitive and contentious
- Increase in people's expectations
- Demands on both health and Social Care Budgets

Key Priorities for Joint Working



Questions