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Dyddiad/Date: 8th January 2020 Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 20-A-004



Corporate Services Headquarters 1 Talbot Gateway Baglan Port Talbot, SA12 7BR

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 6th January 2020. Your request sought information relating to Continuing Healthcare.

1. How does Swansea Bay University Health Board 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?

Swansea Bay Health Board follow the All Wales National CHC Framework. All individuals assessed for either Funded Nursing Care (FNC) or Continuing Healthcare (CHC) have robust assessments undertaken by an appropriate multidisciplinary team (MDT). These assessments assist the practitioners involved in making a decision on the level of need required. Local Authority representatives are present in the MDT meetings, therefore, they are fully aware of their legal duty and legal limits. There is also a robust Interagency Panel structure where all cases are presented for scrutiny. The Panels have senior staff representation to ensure transparency and consistency throughout the region.

2. 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

Yes. Using the National CHC Framework ensures consistency and using this process identifies a person's individual needs.

Please see the attached National Framework for Continuing Healthcare in Wales.



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OR

3. 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.

Not applicable.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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