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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. Your request sought information relating to continuing healthcare.

***NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE - 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 paragraphs (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 that 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.'***



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**With reference to the above:**

Firstly it is important to note that the Regulation quoted above is not applicable to Wales, only England. There is a National Framework for Continuing NHS Healthcare and it is within the context of the Welsh Framework that the response is provided below.

**1. Against what criteria, (benchmarks/scales/yardsticks), are the nature, intensity, complexity and unpredictability of a person's needs measured/assessed/weighed?**

Along with professional judgement, 72 hour care logs and the documentation referenced in this freedom of Information request i.e. Checklist, the DST, Fast Track, The National Framework, Needs Portrayals/Assessments, policies, are the recognised all Wales tools against which nature, intensity, complexity and unpredictability of a person's needs are assessed within the Swansea Bay University Health Board footprint. All assessment documentation undertaken within the Health Board are subject to SBUHB Primary & Community Service Delivery Unit (PCSDU) Quality Assurance process which is multi agency and has Local Authority representation. All Continuing Health Care assessments are presented at the PCSDU Continuing Health Care Panel, a further tier of scrutiny prior to ratification.

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

Documentation to assess a person's needs are all of those evidenced above. Please find attached a copy of a 72 hour care log.

**(Please note, to be clear, I am not referring to the Checklist, the DST, Fast Track, The National Framework, Needs Portrayals/Assessments, policies, (or the Primary Health Need test, since that is your reference), so please do not respond, referencing, or directing/pointing me to these, because there are no criteria, (benchmarks/scales/yardsticks) in them, against which the nature, intensity, complexity and unpredictability of a person's needs can be measured/assessed/weighed)**

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto: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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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