



Vocabulary Continuing Health Care

- Continuing Care
- NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC)
- NHS Funded Nursing Care (FNC)
- Tools: Checklist, Decision Support Tool (DST), Fast Track Tool
- Primary Health Need (PHN)
- Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT)

As in many other areas of life, there are words that have a particular meaning. This is not a complete list of the vocabulary and acronyms used in CHC.

Continuing care is a general term describing care over time to meet physical and mental health needs and can be provided by both the NHS and LA (joint package).

NHS CHC is a package of care solely arranged and funded by the NHS for all assessed health and social care needs.

NHS Funded Nursing Care (FNC) is for those who are not eligible for CHC but have nursing care needs and are in a nursing home. The FNC is contribution to the costs of the nursing home placement – it pays for the nursing element in the placement.

Under the CHC Framework, the Checklist is the first step. It is a screening tool to determine who should be referred to the PCT to undertake a full assessment for CHC. The threshold on the Checklist is deliberately set low. “Passing” the Checklist is not a guarantee one will be found eligible.

The DST is a tool (not an assessment tool) but a form that has 11 care domains on it with weightings. After all the assessments are completed by both health and social care professionals, the DST is completed weighting those care needs. And then using those weightings to health determine if the care needs are primarily health or primarily social care.

MDT is just a collection of professionals (and under CHC, includes the individual being assessed and their family) who are doing the assessment and completed the CHC process. It could include, nurses, social workers, doctors, SALT, OT, psychiatrist, nutritionist, dietician, and tissue viability nurse.