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**GUIDANCE AROUND COMPLETION OF CHC CHECKLISTS IN LINE WITH NSF 2018**

The revision of the National Service Framework for CHC has created professional autonomy in relation to screening for NHS Continuing Healthcare, at the right time and location for the individual and when the individual’s ongoing needs are known. This change is intended to encourage screening at the right time and location to reduce unnecessary assessments.

**There will always be a need to complete a Checklist when an individual requires a long-term residential care placement or has significant support needs that include both Social care and Healthcare needs**

There will be many situations where it is not necessary to complete a Checklist.

These can include:

* **It is clear to practitioners that the care package is for social needs only and does not provide care for healthcare needs.**

*Examples? Where a patient has some healthcare needs that are being met by commissioned NHS services such as District Nurses, CPN’s or Dietician.*

* **The individual has short-term health care needs or is recovering from a temporary condition and has not yet reached their optimum potential**
* *and or*
* **The individual is in an acute hospital setting or has recently left hospital. BCF funding normally applies and CHC cannot be applied for until this funding has ceased.**

*if there is doubt between practitioners about the short-term nature of the needs it may be necessary to complete a Checklist*

* **It has been agreed by the CCG that the individual should be referred directly for full assessment of eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare.**
* **The individual has a rapidly deteriorating condition and may be entering a terminal phase – in these situations the Fast Track Pathway Tool should be used instead of the Checklist.**
* **An individual is receiving services under Section 117 of the Mental Health Act that are meeting all of their assessed mental health needs.**

However if a person has healthcare needs that are not for mental health issues then please submit a Checklist.

* **It has previously been decided that the individual is not eligible for NHS Continuing Healthcare and it is clear that there has been no change in needs.**

 If you are in doubt please call 01952 349580 (complex care team) and have a conversation about when was the last checklist/DST and what were the service user needs in order to see if there has been a significant change.

 Where appropriate/relevant this decision and its reasons should be recorded on LAS

 If there is doubt between practitioners a Checklist should be undertaken.

 A negative checklist should always be sent to the CCG and be uploaded to the clients social care file.