

What is Continuing Care?

A continuing care package will be required when a child or young person has needs arising from disability, accident or illness that cannot be met by existing services available to all (universal) or specialist services alone.

How can a child be referred for Assessment?

A referral can be made by any professional involved in a child's care. This can be either via a current Common Assessment Framework form or receipt of a completed referral form, referral forms can be obtained from the Continuing Health Care Team (see details over leaf). All Common Assessment Framework forms and referral forms to be submitted to the postal address across the page.

Who will carry out the Assessment?

The assessment will be co-ordinated by a Specialist Nurse Assessor who will visit you and your child and obtain reports from the multi-disciplinary team of Doctors and therapists who are involved in the care of your child.

How long does the Assessment process take?

Once a referral is made the Assessment will take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete and will be submitted to the appropriate commissioning body for consideration of the recommendations made within the assessment.

If your child does not qualify for health funding, a notification will be sent to the appropriate commissioning body and a letter to confirm the outcome will be sent to you. The letter will explain the reasons for the decision and will give you the details of how to appeal.

What happens after the appropriate commissioning body has agreed to fund a package of care?

Once recommendations have been accepted and funding is secured employment and training of staff to care for your child can begin. If appropriate your child will be allocated a Key Worker within the Helena Specialist Nursing Team who will work with you

and your child to ensure a smooth transition from hospital to home or transition into school.

How to Contact the Team

The Continuing Health Care Team is based on the 2nd floor of Ryegate House at Ryegate Children's Centre. Use the contact details below in order to obtain referral forms.

Office Details: Elaine Hague 0114 3053020
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For further advice contact:

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Our young patients are at the centre of everything we do and all our work is focused on providing them with the best facilities, equipment and experience possible, helping to provide a world-class facility that is positioned at the very forefront of paediatric care.

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