

# NHS Continuing Care and Continuing Healthcare Assessments



Support for parents of pupils  
at Chailey Heritage School

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We recognise how important NHS Continuing Care and Continuing Healthcare assessments can be for pupils with complex medical needs at Chailey Heritage School and their families.

We are keen to support families with these assessments so they can get the right support packages at home and for wider funding purposes.

### NHS Continuing Care (CC) for children and young people up to 17 years old:

Some of our pupils will be assessed for NHS Continuing Care (CC). This is additional care provided by the NHS for children that is not means tested. It can be used to fund a care package at home including through a Personal Health Budget (PHB).



To be eligible for CC, an assessment led by an external CC Nurse Assessor must take place. This is a thorough, detailed assessment which requires a large amount of information from parents and a wide range of practitioners who know the young person well.

- We can offer support and information to parents about the CC process itself, what it is for, what to expect and when.
- With the consent of parents, we can provide the CC Nurse Assessor with comprehensive and up to date reports of your child's health, education, and care needs from Chailey Heritage Foundation and Chailey Clinical Services in preparation for the assessment.
- The Family Liaison Worker may be able to attend the Continuing Care assessment to support you.
- We can support parents who are appealing CC decisions.



## NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) for young adults aged 18 onwards :

Some of our pupils will be assessed for NHS Continuing Health Care (CHC) when they are coming up to age 18, this is additional care provided by the NHS for adults that is not means tested. This care can be provided in a range of settings; it can fund health and personal care at home, or in the community, including through a Personal Health Budget (PHB) and residential home fees.

Continuing Health Care assessments need to happen in Year 13 before the person is 18 so that NHS funding is agreed (or not) in time to inform decision making around potential future placements after leaving Chailey Heritage School at age 19.

Some of the children here at Chailey will already have received Children's Continuing Care funding. This does not mean they are more likely to receive Adults' CHC. The two are assessed differently. If a person does not qualify for CHC at 18 then the Local Authority Social Care Department will fund their provision after they leave school at 19, although in some authorities there is joint funding between CHC and the Local Authority.

To be eligible for CHC, an assessment by a multidisciplinary team must take place. This is a thorough, detailed assessment, led by a CHC Nurse Assessor, and usually a Social Worker which requires a large amount of information from parents and a wide range of practitioners who know the young person well.

- We can offer support and information to parents about the process itself, what it is for, what to expect and when.
- With the consent of parents, we can provide the CHC Nurse Assessor with comprehensive and up to date reports of your child's health, education, and care needs from Chailey Heritage Foundation and Chailey Clinical Services in preparation for the assessment.
- We can provide the CHC Nurse Assessor with the names and contact details of the key professionals who work with your child at CHF and CCS, and we encourage the Nurse Assessor to invite them to take part in the assessment itself.
- The Family Liaison Worker may be able to attend the Continuing Healthcare assessment to support you.
- We can support any parents who are appealing a CHC decision.

Are you getting ready for a NHS Continuing Care or Continuing Healthcare assessment?

Do you need help from Chailey Heritage School with this?

If you would like any further information or help with Continuing Care or Continuing Healthcare assessments, please contact:

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