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Children and Young People's Continuing Care Team

Important information for parents/carers



Who are we?

The Children's Continuing Care Team consists of Registered Sick Children's Nurses and Health Care Assistants (HCAs). The HCAs provide the majority of the care to the children and are clinically trained to meet the identified medical needs of the individual children.

Our aims

We aim to provide a high quality support service to the families of children who have complex health needs.

We provide packages of care including day time and/or overnight care. The care package will usually be provided in the child's home, although sometimes this may be in a school, nursery or other community setting.

What is Continuing Care?

Some children and young people (up to age 18) may have complex health needs.

These may be the result of:

- congenital conditions
- long-term or life-limiting conditions
- disability
- serious illness or injury

Children with complex needs may need additional health support, this additional package of care is called continuing care.

This involves:

- Assessment of children and their families
- Risk assessments
- Creating individual care packages
- Training and assessing HCAs
- Reviewing care packages regularly
- Providing essential medical/care equipment
- Co-ordinating children's care

Referrals

A referral can be made by any health professional or carer who feels a continuing care package may be required.

A nominated nurse will then collect evidence of the child's needs, taking into consideration the advice of health and care professionals. An important part of the assessment is to capture the preferences of the child or young person and their family.

This information will be used alongside a national framework guidance to decide on whether the child has a continuing care need.

This decision is based on the nature of their needs, rather than the care available, or whether or not they have a particular condition.