

Patient label:

NHS Continuing Health Care Assessment Summary

Please provide a summary of the outcome of the assessment under each of the relevant domains which has contributed to your decision regarding this patient's eligibility for NHS Continuing Care. Comments are required in **all** boxes below.

The patient needs ongoing and regular specialist clinical supervision as a result of:

	YES	NO
The complexity, nature or intensity of the patients health needs (overall medical, nursing, and other clinical needs)		
Please specify		
The need for frequent, not easily predictable, clinical interventions		
Please specify		
The need for routine use of specialist healthcare equipment or treatments that require the supervision of specialist NHS staff		
Please specify		
A rapidly degenerating or unstable condition requiring specialist medical or nursing supervision		
Please specify		

In completing this form I confirm that all of the following apply (please tick)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• This decision is informed by assessment undertaken by the multi-disciplinary team	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The potential for further rehabilitation has been explored	<input type="checkbox"/>
• I have the relevant expertise and responsibility for NHS continuing health care	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The patient /carer /advocate's views were considered and relevant information was provided in an appropriate format	<input type="checkbox"/>
• The patient and /or carer were informed of the outcome of this assessment on .. / .. /	<input type="checkbox"/>

It is my professional clinical judgement that the patient's current health care needs do/do not (*delete as appropriate*) require provision of NHS continuing healthcare in line with CEL 6 (2008) paragraph 44.

Signature

Date

Name (Block caps).....

NHS CONTINUING HEALTH CARE – REVISED GUIDANCE (CEL6/2008)

Guidance for Completion of NHS Continuing Health Care Assessment Summary

Eligibility

Eligibility for NHS continuing health care is documented in the guidance CEL 6/2008, found at http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/mels/CEL2008_06.pdf. It should be provided where there is a need for ongoing and regular specialist clinical supervision of a patient as a result of the domains noted in the assessment summary. (page 10 para 44)

The revised guidance makes no distinction between any client groups. (Page 10 para 47)

Decision Making

The multi-disciplinary team should include the clinical opinion of the consultant or the general practitioner who has responsibility for the patient. The summary should be signed and dated by that professional. It should also include appropriate specialist expertise. (page 12 para 53)

All relevant NHS staff should ensure that they are fully conversant with the procedures for assessing and arranging NHS continuing health care, including basis for eligibility, the necessary multi-disciplinary assessment and decision making process. The assessment summary is documented evidence of the outcome of that assessment. (page 12 para 54)

Record Keeping

It is essential that comment is documented in all the relevant domains. It is not sufficient just to tick yes or no. (page 14 para 65)

This summary should be completed as part of the community care assessment process and prior to discharge from hospital. It should be shared with relevant agencies. (page 14 para 67-68)

The accurate completion of the assessment summary could assist NHS Boards in the management of appeals against a decision of non-eligibility for NHS continuing health care. (page 24 para 121-130)

User/Carer Involvement /Patient Information

It is essential that the patient/carers/advocate is involved in the process, and the relevant information is provided in an appropriate format. (page 16 para 73-80)

NHS Boards may wish to audit the assessment summaries to determine which domains had the most impact on demand for NHS continuing health care.