

# Health/Improving Lives Select Commission

## Continuing Health Care in Rotherham

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## Context

- Specific eligibility criteria
- Assessment/decision making process set out in legislation
- Single national framework set out in 2007

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- long term health and social care needs, with a primary focus on health needs =  
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- long term social care needs with needs that should be met in nursing care accommodation =  
Fixed rate NHS contribution plus LA costs of core placement  
Free Nursing Care
- long term social care needs with health needs met through primary care =  
Local authority (or self-funded) residential care

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## National Framework - Best Practice

- Checklist (initial screening tool)
- Decision Support Tool
- Fast Track Pathway Tool

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- Assessment – undertaken by multi disciplinary team
- Recommendations of MDT – should be accepted by PCT, panel in place
- Consultation with LA when ending funding

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## Whole System Issue

- assessments
- providers
- changing needs
- customers

## Relative Spend

- 2006/7 112 people cost £2.15 m
- 2007/8 215 people cost £2.82 m
- 2008/9 573 people cost £7.62 m
- 2010/11 795 people cost £10.86 m

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- Spending per head of population – improved from 10<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of 15.
- Number of people received CHC funding has reduced – down from 7<sup>th</sup> best to 11<sup>th</sup>.
- although ranking has improved, Rotherham is below the average spend per head of population.
- Main areas of variation:
  - o Older people with dementia – less than half the regional average.
  - o People with physical disability – a third below the regional average.
  - o People with learning disability – 10% below average, but improving.



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## Issues and challenges

- Funding levels
- Delays in assessments
- Customer experience – timely access
- Communication on changes in funding decisions