

Freedom of information request NCC-034837-18

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for ease I have provided our response alongside each point raised as follows:

- Can you please advise if Nott's County Council takes an active role in any CHC MDT assessments & is not just there as an observer. Yes.
- Can you also confirm whether Nott's County Council take an active role in CHC Panel Meetings and any subsequent Local Review Panels (i.e. is not just there as an observer). Yes.
- Can you confirm whether these meetings and review panels should take place in person or if teleconference is an acceptable means of holding the meetings. No - The National Guidance states, 'There is no requirement for CCG's to use a panel as part of their decision making processes, but where a CCG does use a panel, this should not replace the function of the MDT. There is no stipulation that these panel meetings cannot be organised and undertaken through teleconference`.
- Does the Council believe any decisions over CHC funding are made by the NHS, or whether they (The Council) have an equal say in determining whether an individual has a Primary Healthcare need at these meetings/assessments? - I refer to the National Framework for NHS Continuing Health Care and NHS Funded Nursing Care - Role & Responsibilities Local Authorities - `are required to cooperate and work in partnership with CCG's and provide advice and assistance when consulted by the CCG in relation to an assessment of eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare`. However, the Role & Responsibility for the decision regarding eligibility for NHS Continuing Health Care rests with the CCG (based on the recommendation made by the MDT in accordance with the processes set out in the National Framework).

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

With kind regards

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