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Requested:

The National Health Service Commissioning Board and Clinical Commissioning Groups (Responsibilities and Standing Rules) Regulations 2012, states:

“21. (7) In deciding whether a person has a primary health need in accordance with paragraph (5)(b), a relevant body must consider whether the nursing or other health services required by that person are—

(a) where that person is, or is to be, accommodated in relevant premises, more than incidental or ancillary to the provision of accommodation which a social services authority is, or would be but for a person’s means, under a duty to provide; or

(b) of a nature beyond which a social services authority whose primary responsibility is to provide social services could be expected to provide,

and, if it decides that the nursing or other health services required do, when considered in their totality, fall within sub-paragraph (a) or (b), it must decide that that person has a primary health need.”

With reference to the above:

1. Against what criteria, (benchmarks/scales/yardsticks), are the nature, intensity, complexity and unpredictability of a person’s needs measured/assessed/weighed?
2. Please provide a copy of the document used to measure/assess/weigh a person’s needs.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) takes the advice from Welsh Government to determine eligibility of a person’s needs. Both The National Framework for Continuing NHS Healthcare and the All Wales training material are used to outline how the four (4) key characteristics are used. When the Multi-disciplinary Team (MDT) undertake a long-term care assessment, both guidance express that the assessment and the accompanying Decision Support Tool (DST) are not designed to substitute the professional judgment of a person’s needs.
2. The UHB provides a copy of the 4 key characteristics of a primary health need document, Attachment 1. This outlines some of the considerations professionals are expected to take into account when determining a person’s needs.