

NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE CHECKLIST

A checklist is a screening tool to determine whether a patient is eligible, or not, for referral for a full assessment under NHS Continuing Healthcare, also referred to as a Decision Support Tool or DST.

The patient should be medically fit for discharge with an identified ongoing therapy plan, prior to completion.

The checklist considers 11 aspects of care, or domains of need. The assessor selects the most appropriate description of need (A, B or C) for each domain, based on the written evidence available (in medical notes, nursing kardex, risk assessments, behaviour charts, therapy notes, MAC and MAP etc)

A DST will be required if there are :

- 2 or more A's
- 1 A and 4 B's
- 5 B's
- 1 A in a domain marked with a *

A completed checklist with scores lower than those described means that the patient is not entitled to a full assessment.