Continuing healthcare for people with learning disabilities

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As part of a wider review of the services we commission, we will be reviewing all continuing healthcare packages over £1,000 for people with learning disabilities.

The purpose of the review is to ensure the packages are appropriate for the patient’s needs, which may have changed since they first received continuing healthcare.
Current situation

- Around 200 people who receive continuing healthcare in BHR are being reviewed to assess their continuing healthcare needs.

- Historically, once a package was provided a reassessment may not have been carried out for some time (sometimes years) even though the initial assessment may have covered short-term care measures.

- The needs of people often change as they get older or if they change medication so the package may no longer be best suited to them.
Review process

1. The CCG has employed a nurse assessor who is visiting everyone with a continuing healthcare package of over £1,000.

2. The nurse will review the patient’s needs, and whether their current package best meets their needs.

3. Once all patients have been assessed anyone who has been identified as potentially needing a different package will have a full assessment by the CCG and the community learning disability team to assess the patient’s needs.

4. Together they will use the ‘decision support tool’ to identify the most appropriate care package.