



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about NHS Continuing Healthcare.

The Government is committed to delivering an NHS which provides personalised care, closer to home, according to patient need. The NHS's Five Year Forward View highlights the importance of raising standards and providing integrated services for everyone.

The National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare was established in 2007 and lays the foundations for improved standard practice. In 2013 the Government made it mandatory for Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and NHS England to follow this framework, creating a new legal obligation.

NHS England must be assured that CCGs are complying with the National Framework and from 2015/16, NHS Continuing Healthcare has been included in the assurance processes for CCGs.

One of the priority areas that the assurance process focuses on is the 'assessment and decision making processes are lawful, high quality and timely'. This ensures that CCG policies and procedures are compliant with the National Framework as well as improving the consistency of NHS CHC assessments across the NHS.

Once again, many thanks for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY