

**PRESS RELEASE**

Monday 11 February

**Deadline for requests for assessments of eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare funding for cases during the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012**

On 15 March 2012, the Department of Health announced the introduction of deadlines for new cases which require assessment of eligibility for NHS Continuing Healthcare (NHS CHC) funding.

NHS CHC is care provided over an extended period of time to meet physical or mental health needs that have arisen as a result of disability, accident or illness. NHS CHC funding is only provided where an individual has a primary health need and requires long term healthcare, as opposed to social or residential care.

The deadline applies to previously un-assessed periods of care, which occurred in the following time period:

<b>Time Period</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012	31 March 2013

***The deadline for the time period from 1 April 2004 – 31 March 2011 was 30 September 2012 and is now closed.***

Individuals should contact the Continuing Healthcare Team at NHS Worcestershire, 3 Wildwood Triangle, Swinsherd Way, Worcester, WR5 2QX for further information on how to notify the PCT of a request for assessment of eligibility. This notification should be given within the deadline above. Some cases may be accepted after the date outlined above if there are exceptional circumstances for doing so.

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