

Nottinghamshire GP Fast Track Referrals for NHS Continuing Healthcare Guide

Step 1

- **Identify that the patient meets one or both of the following referral criteria**
 - 1. The individual has a rapidly deteriorating condition which may be entering a terminal phase /
 - 2. The patient is usually in or rapidly approaching, the yellow phase of the Nottingham End of Life Pathway or the amber phase of the Gold Standards Framework

Step 2

- **Complete the Fast Track referral form ensuring:**
 - You have provided information clarifying what evidence leads you to consider that the patient has a rapidly deteriorating condition and that they may be entering a terminal phase
 - You have indicated the prognosis or the position of the patient on the above pathways
 - You have indicated that the patient/family are aware of and have CONSENTED to the referral and information sharing
 - You have advised the patient/ family of the review, which is usually undertaken within 12 weeks
 - You have identified the patient's preferred place of care
 - You have completed the equality monitoring section
 - You have provided your name, role and contact details
 - A properly completed form will ALWAYS be accepted

Step 3

- **Fax the form to the GEM continuing Healthcare team on 01623 673111**
- **Contact us on 01623 673100 for any queries and admin will direct your call**

For Homecare Referrals:

Ensure the District Nurse Team are aware to complete an 'Assessment for Services' for domiciliary care

Domiciliary care is arranged by the CHC team within 48hrs wherever possible, but cannot be guaranteed.

DNs access 'sits' or shifts (a block of hours for respite or nursing care) via hospice at home or Marie Curie first and discuss any other need with this team

For Nursing Home Referrals:

No assessment for services is required

The District Nurses can assist with transfers, or you can speak to the team who will provide a list of homes/hospices who have accepted the AQP contract

Transport will need to be arranged by the DN/GP and highlighted as a priority ECJ booking.

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