

**FOI 1516 211**

**Summary Issue: Continuing Healthcare Retrospectives**

**This information relates to Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group**

**This request relates to FOI 1516 183**

<b>Question</b>	<b>Response</b>
<p>The head of the National Health Service had hoped that all outstanding retrospective <i>NHS Continuing Healthcare</i> claims would be expedited by Trusts. A couple of years ago, NHS England had issued assessment prioritising guidance to Commissioning Support Units and CCGs.</p> <p>This guidance instructed them to prioritise assessments of living patients, who are potentially eligible, who have an urgent need for a current assessment in order to create care plans and put in place packages of care which are needed straight away. Backlog clearing retrospective assessments could then follow later.</p> <p>This is the NHS England guidance for which I am searching. Please email to me a complete copy of that NHS England guidance.</p>	<p>No formal guidance was issued but it was agreed at regional level that a common sense approach was to prioritise assessing the current needs of any living applicants resulting from the Department of Health's Closedown announcement to ensure the living service users' current needs are being met by the NHS if eligible.</p> <p>Assessing the past period of care is dependent on the time it takes to obtain all care records and the volume of cases.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 19 November 2015