



## **Funded Nursing Care Procedures**

### **1.0 Governance**

1.1 Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has adopted the Welsh Government NHS Funded Nursing Care in Care Homes Guidance published in 2004. The guidance sets out the process that the NHS, working with local authority partners, will follow to assess nursing needs, decide on eligibility for FNC and appropriate nursing care.

1.2 The Chief Operating Officer will take the executive lead for Funded Nursing Care.

1.3 Operational aspects of implementation of Funded Nursing Care will be managed by the Primary, Community and Intermediate Care Clinical Board. The Clinical Board Nurse will be the lead officer for this function supported by the Locality Lead Nurses.

1.4 Assessments and reviews for NHS Funded Nursing care are carried out by Registered Nurses employed by Cardiff and Vale UHB.

1.5 Appeal procedures against decisions made on the basis of these assessments and reviews are aligned with the Independent Review Process for Continuing NHS Healthcare and will follow the same process.

1.6 Dispute procedures between agencies arising from assessments are aligned with the dispute procedure for Continuing NHS Healthcare and will follow the same process.

### **2.0 Assessment, Quality Assurance and Authorisation**

2.1 NHS Funded Nursing Care will only be paid for those individuals identified through an assessment confirming the need for care by a registered nurse.

2.2 The assessment is a component of the Integrated Assessment process.

2.3 A decision related to NHS Funded Nursing Care will only be taken once it is considered that the person does not fall within the eligibility criteria for Continuing NHS Healthcare.

2.4 The nursing needs identified during the assessment process will be clearly recorded and included in any care plans that are produced.

2.5 Arrangements for quality assurance of assessments will be embedded in each Locality and the IDS, the responsibility for ensuring QA lies with the Team Leaders.

2.6 Authorisation processes for FNC will be established by the Locality Lead Nurse/Intermediate Care Manager (Nurse)

### **3.0 Reviews**

3.1 Anyone entering a care home providing nursing care will have their nursing care needs reviewed within 3 months of their placement within the home and every 12 months thereafter unless there are significant changes in need which may trigger an earlier review of nursing needs.

### **4.0 Hospital Admission**

4.1 NHS Funded Nursing Care will continue to be paid to the provider for a period of six weeks to retain a resident's bed in their home. If the funding and placement is to be withdrawn at six weeks this must be undertaken in full consultation with the patient/their representative and the Local Authority.

### **5.0 Death of a resident**

5.1 Cardiff and Vale UHB will pay the NHS Funded Nursing Care rate for 4 days following the death of a resident.

### **6.0 Short term nursing care**

6.1 Periods of respite care of less than 6 weeks, whether planned or emergency, in a care home for a resident of Cardiff or Vale of Glamorgan will be supported by NHS Funded Nursing Care, this will be regardless of the individual's of the location of the placement

### **7.0 Access to NHS Services**

7.1 Care home residents will have access to the full range of NHS support that is available in other care settings and to people receiving care at home.

7.2 The UHB will fund the cost of necessary continence products for all care home residents subject to NHS Funded Nursing care following comprehensive and evidence based continence assessment. and as a result funding of continence products is included within the FNC contribution

7.3 All residents of care homes will be registered with a local GP.