



Children and Young People with High Care Needs

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High Care Needs System Introduction

- ❑ Identification of children who challenge services
- ❑ It is a way of predicting the services we need and of facilitating a more 'joined-up' response with the commissioners
- ❑ Shaping services for the future

C&YP included on list would come under two categories:

- ❑ A combination of complex social care needs, special educational needs and needs associated with physical or mental disorder/disability or learning disabilities,

OR

- ❑ Mental health disorder of sufficient severity to require assessment and treatment in hospital

Criteria for Inclusion in the HCN System

Complex Needs List

1. A multi-agency assessment / core assessment and planning to evidence recent multi-agency work.
2. A child / young person who has need for long term provision of secondary health services with **one or more** of the following:
 - Life threatening or complex physical health needs requiring intensive support to the child and family from a multi-disciplinary team.



Criteria for Inclusion on the HCN System

- Learning disability that challenges existing statutory services and who pose a risk whilst receiving their current care package. CTLD involved in completing core assessment.
- Severe, complex and long term mental health disorder(s) that requires high levels of long term supervision to manage risk (not in hospital).

Criteria for Inclusion on the HCN System

3. A child / young person requiring a complex care package and needing to spend significant time away from the family home to prevent family breakdown, address health, social care and education needs.
4. A child / young person who has a statement of special educational needs, for whom it is proving difficult, as they move through the education system, to meet their needs and an out of the authority placement is being considered.



Example 1

- 15 year old boy with severe autism and learning disability
- Aggressive behaviours at home and school
- Elderly parents and minimal extended family support
- Needing 2:1 supervision in local special school

Example 2

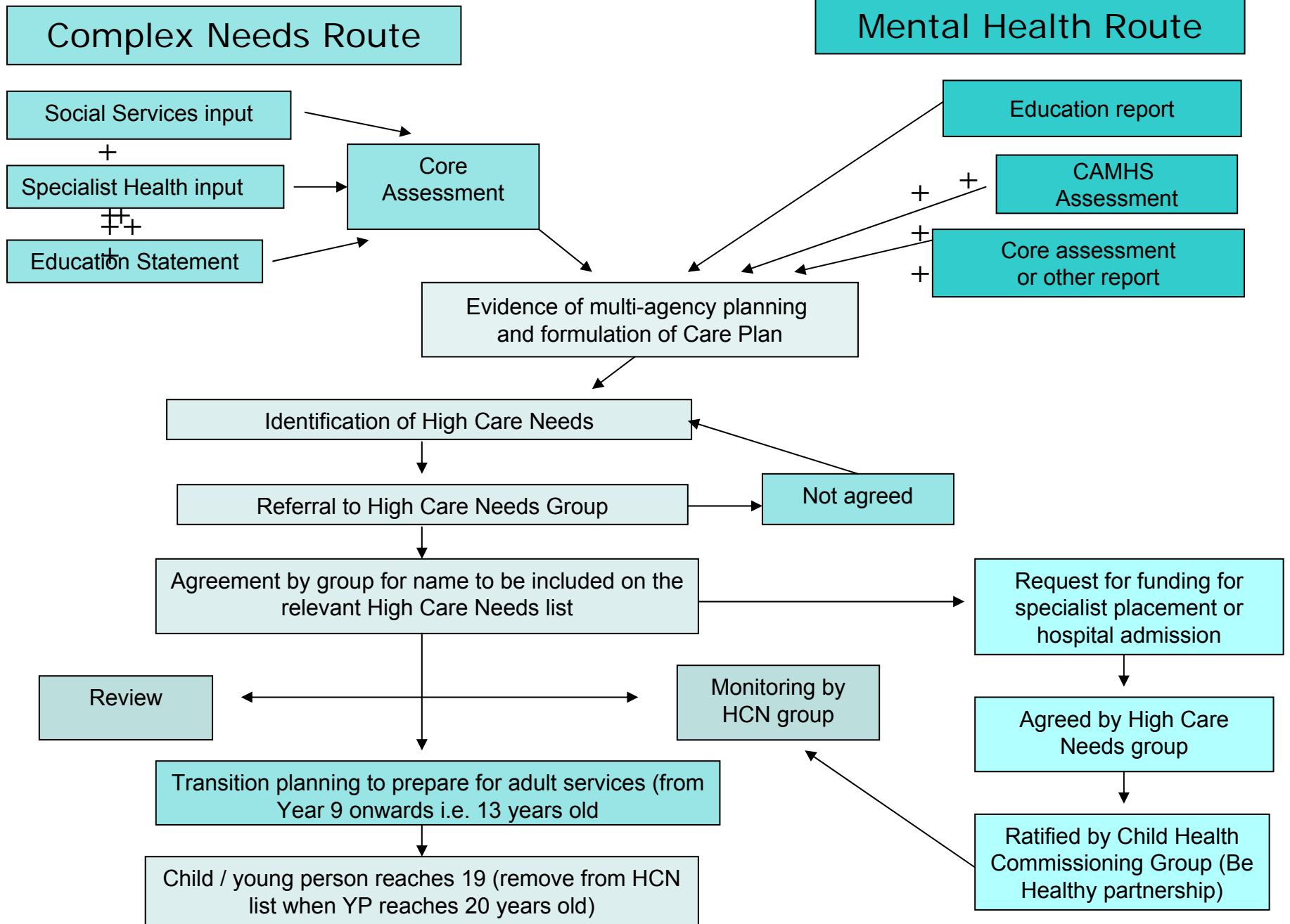
- 14 year old boy
- In LA care from age 8
- Known to CAMHS from age 5 (tier 3/tier 4/forensic OP)
- No mental illness
- No learning disability
- Extreme sexualised behaviour and offending risk ; firesetting ; significant attachment/interpersonal relationship difficulties



Mental Health List

- ❑ Referred to Tier 4 CAMHS or CAMHS LD
- ❑ Mental health disorder of sufficient severity to require assessment and treatment **in hospital** (regional or national provision)
- ❑ The child/yp's mental health disorder is preventing their accessing education/training
- ❑ The mental health disorder of the child/yp is impacting on family/social situation

The Process





The Role of the High Care Needs Group

- ❑ Consider referrals for inclusion on the lists
- ❑ Monitor and review High Care Needs lists
- ❑ Identify and monitor children who require, or may in the future require, funding for specialist placement or hospital admission
- ❑ Provide info re such placements to Child Health Commissioning Group
- ❑ To ensure there's a rigorous multi agency monitoring process
- ❑ To inform strategy for Child and Adult Services
- ❑ To disseminate information to staff regarding HCN system including funding.