

# Questions and Answers

**Health and Wellbeing Board**  
**Thursday 23 February 2023**

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(a) Question submitted to the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) Executive Director for Berkshire West Place by Paula Saunderson:

*"It is now 2 years since I started to raise the poor record of Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to awarding Standard Continuous Health Care and it is pleasing to see the 4 slides in this Agenda item 10, however can the Board provide assurance that they will remember the plight of the self-funding dementia patients and their families in West Berkshire, ensuring that those not on the radar of West Berkshire Council's Adult Social Care also receive a fair deal for the later stages of this incurable brain disease?"*

**The BOB ICB Executive Director of Berkshire West Place answered:**

Supporting individuals with dementia and their families and carers, regardless of funding status, is important to the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board. This is identified as a priority within our Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy which is publicly available on the [West Berkshire Council website](#).

A wide range of NHS services are available to people with a dementia diagnosis regardless of their funding status. There are also many charities and communities across Berkshire and the UK who provide support and signposting for people living with dementia.

NHS Continuing Healthcare ("CHC") is not condition specific and therefore a diagnosis of dementia does not necessarily mean that a person is eligible for CHC. Your eligibility for NHS CHC depends on your needs as assessed by a team of healthcare professionals (a multidisciplinary team). If your needs change then your eligibility for NHS CHC may also change.

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