

Proposed New Eligibility Criteria (HUHFT)

“To comply with Department of Health guidelines we now check the eligibility of everyone applying for Hospital Transport. This will ensure fairness for those who rely on it. I therefore need to ask you some questions regarding your eligibility.”

TARGET POINT SCORE: 4

Scoring Key	
1 - 3 Point(s)	Fail (All can be reviewed by Clinical team for appropriateness)
4 Points	Pass

Questions	Answers	Outcomes
Are you / is [patient's name] travelling to/from NHS funded medical care? Medical care or health care???	YES →	Go to Q2
Note – paid for by NHS regardless of whether provider is NHS or Independent sector or an independent provider	NO →	Not eligible
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Automatic Eligibility		
Do any of the following apply to you / [patient's name]?	YES →	Eligible
	NO →	Go to Q3
Dropdown menu (if any of these criteria are checked, eligibility is automatic)		
· HDU support required What is HDU? High dependency Unit ???		1 Family or Medical Escort permitted only
· Immobile (requires stretcher only)		
· Requires home oxygen usage		
· Diagnosed with Dementia and or Severe confusion severe confusion or serious mental health problems.		
· OT Home Visit Requirement		
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High Need (housebound with medical needs)		
Who has visited you / [patient's name] at home in the past fortnight to provide your with care or treatment? (tick all that apply)	YES (4-point threshold reached →)	Eligible
Dropdown menu		
why was two weeks chosen as the cut off point? Seems like quite a short time frame to me.	YES (4-point threshold reached →)	Go to Q4
· GP (3 points)		
· Medical Consultant (3 points)		
· Paramedics in response to 999 (3 points)		
· Approved Social Worker (2 points)		
· Community Rapid Response / Supported Discharge Team (2 points)		
· Specialist Multi-Disciplinary Rehab Team(s) e.g. neuro / intermediate care / respiratory (2 points)		
· Specialist Nurse(s) (2 points)		
· District Nurse (1 point)		
· Dietician (1 point)		
· Occupational Therapist (1 point)		
· Physiotherapist (1 point)		
· Community Therapies / Rehabilitation Assistant (1 point)		
· Community Psychiatric Nurse (1 point)		
· Community Psychologist (1 point)		
· Carers to assist with medication management or personal care (washing, dressing, toileting) (1 point) a person in this category could		
None of the above(0 points)	NO →	Go to Q4
4		
High Need (mobility impairment)		
Do you / does [patient's name] rely on any of the following to get from pick-up point (chair or bed) to vehicle and from vehicle to destination (chair or bed) safely? (Check all that apply)	YES (4-point threshold reached →)	Eligible
Dropdown menu		
· Dependent (long-term) upon hoisting equipment at home (bedbound/immobile) (4 points)		Go to Q5
· Dependent (long-term) upon specialist electric wheelchair AND dependent on assistance - non transferable (4 points)		
· Dependent (long-term) upon standard self-propelled wheelchair AND dependent on assistance - non transferable(2 points)		
· Temporarily dependent on wheelchair due to plaster cast / recent surgery / hospital admission (2 points)		
· Mobile with specialist electric wheelchair or standard self-propelled (minimal assistance required) (1 point)		
· Mobile with electric mobility scooter (1 point)		
· Mobile with walking frame (1 point)		
· Mobile with walking Stick(s) (1 point) sticks		
· Mobile with crutch(es) (1 point)		
· None of the above (0 points)		
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Environmental Factors		
Do you / does [patient's name] have step free access at their property (including lifts & ramps)? Yes/No	YES (4-point threshold NOT reached) →	Not eligible
I find this section rather arbitrary		
Dropdown menu		
· Stairs (up to 8 steps - 1 flight) (1 points)		Review Dropdown Menu
· Stairs (8-16 steps - 2 flight) (2 points)		
· Lifts not available (2 point)		
	YES (4-point threshold NOT reached) →	Not eligible

Would like clarity about accompanying persons. Confusing and unclear who qualifies and who doesn't.