

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY

Community Care FACS Criteria

You will be entitled to receive a community care service if:

- You are a resident of Haringey

and

- You are over the age of 18

and

You have one or more of the following:

- a learning disability
- an addiction to drugs or other chemical substances, including alcohol
- a life-limiting illness or are HIV positive (or both)
- mental health problem
- a physical disability or a sensory impairment
- physical or mental frailty

and

- your needs are assessed as eligible within either the critical or substantial bands of the Framework (see below)

ELIGIBILITY FRAMEWORK

Background

This Eligibility Framework (referred to as the 'Framework') is implemented as part of the Fair Access to Care Services Guidance (LAC(2002)13) and will be used as a single framework to make eligibility decisions. The Guidance states that the wording of the Framework must not be changed. This framework is to be used to make decisions regarding eligible needs, i.e. needs for which a social care service will be provided.

There are four bands in the Framework : critical, substantial, moderate and low. These bands interact with four areas of risk to an individual's independence, these are as follows:

1. Autonomy
2. Health and Safety
3. Management of Daily Routines
4. Involvement in Family and Wider Community Life

By using the four areas of risk to independence as a guide, a decision can be made as to whether an individual's needs are eligible for a service.

Haringey Council proposes to set the eligibility threshold between the substantial and moderate risk bands, a decision which will be subject to annual review, and may therefore change. We will therefore regard all those needs that fall in the critical and substantial bands as 'eligible' needs. A service will be provided to address eligible needs.

We also endorse a preventative approach to providing community care services. We will therefore aim (though cannot guarantee) to provide a service for non-eligible needs if it would prevent the need from worsening over time should it not be addressed.

How to Use the Framework

This framework reinforces a needs-led approach so that an individual's need/s are assessed and the relevant services sought to meet those needs.

Eligibility for an individual is determined following assessment. As part of the assessment, information about an individual's *presenting needs* and related circumstances is established, and will be recorded. This information is then evaluated against the risks to his or her autonomy, health and safety, management of daily routines, and involvement in family and wider community life.

Where it is necessary to prioritise the speed of our response, needs which fall into the critical band will receive a higher priority than those in the substantial band. However, within each band, the four areas of risk to independence are regarded as equally weighted. The sole exception to this rule is where there is a critical risk to life, which, as now, will take priority over any other type of risk.

A person may present with both eligible and non-eligible needs. Even if only one of their needs is eligible they will be entitled to a service which addresses that need.

However, we are not obliged to meet this person's non-eligible needs, although sometimes this will happen as a by-product of the services provided to meet the eligible need. Although the council will not be able to meet those needs which fall into the moderate or low risk bands, we will aim to offer advice and information on other possible sources of help. It is also necessary to ensure a long-term, preventative approach.

KEY FACTORS IN MAINTAINING INDEPENDENCE	LEVEL OF RISK TO INDEPENDENCE			
	Eligible for Help		Not Eligible for Help	
	CRITICAL At immediate risk	SUBSTANTIAL In need of a service	MODERATE Occasional service/rehab/equip	LOW Advice and info
1. AUTONOMY This refers to the control a person has over their immediate situation and how far they can make and act on informed choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is, or will be, little or no choice and control over vital aspects of the immediate environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is, or will be, only partial choice and control over the immediate environment 		
2. HEALTH & SAFETY Need to consider: risk to mental and physical health, maintaining current health and preventing deterioration., safety of the client or others from harm whether intentional or unintentional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> life is, or will be, threatened significant health problems have developed or will develop serious abuse or neglect has occurred or will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> abuse or neglect has occurred or will occur 		

	occur			
<p>3. MANAGEMENT OF DAILY ROUTINES This is the ability of a person to: look after their personal care, domestic needs, other daily routines and look after their dependants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is, or will be, an inability to carry out vital personal care or domestic routines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is, or will be, an inability to carry out the majority of personal care or domestic routines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is, or will be, an inability to carry out several personal care or domestic routines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> there is, or will be, an inability to carry out one or two personal care or domestic routines
<p>4. INVOLVEMENT IN FAMILY AND WIDER COMMUNITY LIFE Involvement in leisure activities, hobbies, paid and unpaid work, learning and volunteering.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vital involvement in work, education or learning cannot or will not be sustained vital social support systems and relationships cannot or 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> involvement in many aspects of work, education or learning cannot or will not be sustained the majority of social support systems and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> involvement in several aspects of work, education or learning cannot or will not be sustained several social support systems and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> involvement in one or two aspects of work, education or learning cannot or will not be sustained one or two social support systems and relationships cannot or will not be

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