

Is West Hampshire CCG fit for purpose for delivering NHS Continuing Healthcare?

Today, we are launching a national campaign to highlight our perception of failures within West Hampshire CCG and their delivery of NHS Continuing Healthcare. The issues that we are facing resonate with many other cases across the country.

NHS Continuing Healthcare is an entitlement to funded care for everyone who meets the eligibility criteria. My wife, Rachael, suffers from life-threatening epilepsy and the experts who have been taking care of her for many years have clearly expressed that she needs constant medical supervision for her own safety. They have stated that she easily meets the criteria for eligibility. Despite this, and contrary to case law, West Hampshire CCG continue to insist that eligibility is in doubt.

Over the coming months, we will evidence what we view as lies, misinformation, omissions and refusal to answer questions, by West Hampshire CCG, in order to potentially reduce or remove vital medical care from us.

Our case has been on-going for over eighteen months and still the Chief Officer of West Hampshire CCG and her staff persist to deny any wrongdoing. This is despite a staggering amount of evidence to the contrary. Next week, we will provide a document showing just some of the medical evidence from Professors of Neurology, Consultant Neurologists, General Practitioners, etc. This evidence, and much more, has been given to West Hampshire CCG but has not been treated in accordance with case law.

We consider the actions of West Hampshire CCG as **ABUSE OF A VULNERABLE ADULT**. Sadly, Hampshire County Council Social Services' conducted their investigation by simply asking the CCG if they were doing anything wrong which, of course, they denied.

The death of a close member of our family is being investigated by Eastern Region Police under Operation Magenta. This relates to the scandal at Gosport War Memorial Hospital and the failures over many years by multiple organisations to take action. We will show that lessons, including Duty of Candour, have not yet been learnt from this. We will evidence how the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) and the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) have failed to act appropriately on our concerns.

The impact on us has been immense. As a result, the actions of West Hampshire CCG, Social Services, the PHSO, the NMC, the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) and the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO), have made it impossible for me to continue in my role as an Executive Headteacher. I am unable to return to similar employment whilst this breach of our legal rights continues. The ramifications have impacted my wife, our son and our wider family members who have supported us throughout.

Whilst this campaign highlights major issues within West Hampshire CCG and other organisations that should be holding them to account, we will also use this opportunity to praise the medical experts who have supported us through the challenges of the epilepsy that we have faced over the last fifteen years.

At this stage, we will simply highlight the amazing support from the following medical teams involved in Rachael's care:

- All the staff at Princes Gardens Surgery, Aldershot
- The epilepsy and A&E teams at Frimley Park Hospital, Surrey
- The neurological team at St George's Hospital, London
- The neurological team at John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford
- The neurologists at National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, London
- The Oxford University Epilepsy Research Department
- All paramedics and 999 call centre staff who have helped us deal with severe seizures and trauma

- Dental Surgeons who have repaired damaged dentition following head injuries during seizures
- Opticians who have given their services for free following head trauma during seizures
- The carers that come to our home and deal with seizures and the impact these have on daily living

Over the next few months, every week or two we will highlight specific areas of concern. This will include evidence of lies, altering the outcome of reviews without our knowledge or consent, and tampering of medical documents (thus far, West Hampshire CCG has refused to make any comment on this final point). Due to the serious nature of the case, and the potential that this is a widespread issue across the country, we will not shy from naming the individuals involved.

A lot of the information we will share is already on a website that we have created – chcinhamshire.com. This campaign, for which there are over one thousand recipients, will feature on our website.