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Thank you for your request concerning Social Care Needs Eligibility Criteria.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. I would like a copy of the eligibility criteria for social care needs for mentally ill people and the Care act 2014 itself.

Please see attached our Adult Community MHS Operational Policy.

- The assessment will first determine whether the person needs to have on-going treatment in secondary care, and is eligible for social care under the national eligibility criteria. Note that the Local authority (in the form of HPFT) must undertake an assessment for any adult who appears to have any level of needs for care and support to determine eligible social care needs (Care Act, 2014).
- The ACMHS will complete the initial social care outcomes assessment. If the service user with ASD is eligible, the ACMHS will put in place an initial package of care, which will then be passed to the Adult Disability Service in HCC for onward provision.

We do not hold the Care Act 2014¹. However under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance, please follow this [link](#) to the legislation.gov.uk website.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

**Sue Smith
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

