

### Guide

How to fill in your Chronic Health & Care Passport and where to find hints and tips if you need them.

### What is My Chronic Health & Care Passport for?

My Chronic Health & Care Passport (MCHCP) is a set of patientheld medical history notes designed to help patients keep track of multiple, complex illnesses and/or disabilities and communicate their needs to medical teams and carers, especially on admission.

### How do I use it?

By filling in your MCHCP and - very importantly - keeping it as up to date as possible, you will have a clear record of your health and care needs. If you are admitted to hospital or are getting to know new carers, you may find it useful to refer them to specific pages to help you explain how they can help you. There are also pages that will help you pack for a hospital admission, or work out what to ask at your next appointment.

### Tips for filling it in:

- -Use printable stickers or complete your MCHCP in pencil or erasable pen (eg: FriXion) if your medication, health, or care needs change a lot and need to be regularly updated or re-written.
- -Print out as many extra 'My Conditions' pages as you need.
- -If you have to make lots of corrections, re-print only the pages you're updating. This will be cheaper, easier, and more sustainable.
- -Use the blank, untitled, custom pages to create your own categories and then add them to the Contents page. You could use it for Likes & Dislikes, Spiritual/Cultural Needs, detailing your Power of Attorney arrangements, Living Will/DNAR wishes, or for outlining your current Physiotherapy Regimen or Treatment Plan.

### Where can I find out more?

For more information, extra pages, other versions of the passport, and a full FAQ, please visit our website: <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/MyChHcPp">tinyurl.com/MyChHcPp</a>

Even if you have added extra pages, the sections are colour-coded to help guide you to them.

### **Contents**

**Guide & Contents About Me & Carers** Medication & Allergies Medical & Surgical History Ability Aids & Assistance **Diet & Food Preferences** Pain & Mobility **Mental Health** Recent Treatment & Sleep **My Conditions** Continence & Menstruation Communication Discharge & Appointments **Appointment Questions & Notes** Hospital Bag Suggestions & List

Crisis Plan & Helplines

## **About Me**

NHS#		 	 
Date of	Birth:	 	 

Full Name:				
Name I like to be called:				
The gender pronouns I	use:			
Ethnicity:	I speak:			
Faith & Spiritual Needs				
Stick photo here	Address:  Postcode:  Home Tel:  Mobile:			
Next of Kin name:				
Tel:	They are my:			
Permission to contact	Next of Kin: Yes No			
Vape Smoke (Pe	Weight  Yes (Units Per Week )  ances: No Yes Prefer Not to Say			
Advance Decision? (Attach) Surgery A	Are your prescriptions			

Ye	:S	nelp to communicate:  No Sometimes Cares  ee page for details)
		At home, I need help with daily living: Yes No
		I receive care from: A Carer/PA Care Agency Spouse A Friend A Relative A Child Other
Health & Care Passport		Name of Primary Carer:  Tel:  They are my:  Permission to contact Carer: Yes  No  They help me with:
© My Chronic Health &		Care Agency (if applicable):  Tel: Care Hours per week:  I have a Care Plan: Yes No (Please attach a copy)  Social Services #  Name of Social Worker:
		Other professionals involved in my care include:
		ne: Specialty:
		ne: Specialty:
		pital:Tel:
		ne:Specialty:
	Hos	spital:Tel:
		ne: Specialty:
	Hos	spital:Tel:

## Current Medication. Last updated:

### Medication

Regular medication & supplements
Name, dose, how many, form (tablet, liquid, IM, NG, etc)

### As-required medication

Medical appliances, implants, stents, coils, drains, feeds, etc

Things I may find difficult / need help with to take medication							
Swallowing	Crush	ing Tablets [		Injections		Feeds	
Inhalers/Neb	ulisers	Other					

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History of anaphylaxis?

Yes	No	
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## **Allergies**

Allergies to r	medication
Name of Medication	Type of Reaction
Allergies	to food
J	
Other allergies, intolerances, war	rnings, and allergy notes

### Medical History

Medical Hi	story Summary.
Last updated:	

I am able to work or study: Full Time Part Time
Mainly From Home Not At All Other
I am: Able to go out regularly Mainly Housebound
Mainly Bedbound Fully Housebound Fully Bedbound

My main diagnoses (see 'My Conditions' for more detail)

Therapies used to manage my symptoms (physio, CBT, etc)

Recent Admissions, Tests, Scans (more in 'Recent Treatment')

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## Surgical History

	Previous s	surgical procedures
	Type of Surgery	Date of Surgery (approx)
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	Anaesthetics - any probl	lems or special instructions
	I would accept a blood tra	ansfusion: Yes No
Ot	her:	Blood Group:
Oı	gan Donation: Already Reg	gistered Agree to Opt-In
	I would like to Opt-Out o	of organ donation

## **Ability Aids**

These are the aids I use and how they help. (Tick all that apply)

Wheelchair or Powerchair
Crutches, Walking Stick
Walker or Zimmer Frame
White Cane
Prosthetics
Service Animal
Glasses, Contact Lenses, Magnifier
Hearing Aid or Implant
Splints or Supports
Compression Wear
Grab-Rails and Perching Stools
Earplugs or Ear Defenders
Eye Mask or Dark Glasses
Face mask or Respirator
Oxygen. Inhaler, or Nebulizer
Feed Pump or TPN
Adapted Kitchen Utensils or Cups
Dentures or Mouth Guards
Bed Siderails, Air Mattress
Hoists or Lifts
Raised Toilet Seat, Frame, Bedpan
Grab Sticks, Long-Handled Brush
Assistive Tech or AAC
Other

Things I might need assistance with.
More about mobility on page
and communication on page

## Assistance

Tick all that you need help with. X any you cannot manage <u>even</u> with help. Explain what you need (eg: cut up food, crush meds,
bedbath, hoist). Leave blank if no assistance is required.
Washing (Bedside)
Bathing/Showering (Bathroom)
Personal Care (Teeth, Hair, Shaving)
Drinking
Eating
Dressing
Taking Medication
Turning in Bed
Sleeping
Toileting (Bedside)
Accessing the Toilet (Bathroom)
Changing Medical Appliances
Getting Into/Out of Bed
Having Blood Tests/Injections
Having Scans
Talking to Doctors
Understanding Care Plans
Reading Information
Signing Consent Forms
Soothing/Calming Myself
Other

### Dietary Requirements

Special Dietary Requirements. Tick all that apply.

Dietary requirements
Vegetarian Vegan Pescatarian Halal
Kosher Gluten Free Dairy Free Soya Free
Sugar Free Low GI Low Fat Low Carb
Low Fibre Low Residue Low Fodmap
Low Histamine High Protein High Calorie
Low Sodium High Sodium Soft/Pureed
Thickened Liquids Liquids Only Nil By Mouth
Other
Supplementary/replacement nutrition and other needs
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Food allergy/intolerance reminder (see 'Allergies' for more)
Things I may find difficult, or need help to manage
Swallowing Cutting Food Sitting Feeding Myself
Cutlery Making Healthy Choices Motivation Nausea
Red Tray Other

To help with menu choices, tick the food & drinks you like.

### Food Preferences

Food & Drink Preferences (Examples from typical NHS Hospital Menus)
Tea Coffee Hot Chocolate Milk Water
Bovril Cordial/Squash Apple Juice Orange Juice
Sandwiches (White Bread) Sandwiches (Wholemeal)
Vegetables Fish Chicken/Turkey Red Meat
Spicy Food Pasta Dishes Sweet & Sour
Roast Dinners Fish & Chips Jacket Potato
Cottage Pie/Casserole Salads Omelette
Cheese Beans Potatoes (Mash/Boiled/Roast)
Icecream Puddings Custard Cake Fruit
Jelly Yoghurt Biscuits Cheese & Crackers
My Favourite Breakfast
My Favourite Lunch
My Fayourita Dinnar
My Favourite Dinner

### Pain

The types of chronic pain I experience and how I cope.

When patients experience chronic pain it can be difficult to comprehend how bad it really is when using a traditional scale. Pain, and how we cope with it, is very individual but hopefully this will help you to understand mine.

How I rate (Describe what the scale means	<i>7</i> •
1)	6)
2)	7)
3)	8)
4)	9)
5)	10)
The types of chronic pain the	•
How I manag	ge it at home
How I need it ma	naged in hospital

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How I move around and the help I may need to do so safely.

Falls risk? Yes No

## Mobility

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When moving around I can (Tick all that apply)
Move around independently <u>without</u> aids
Move around independently with aids
Move around with help from another person
Stand for a few minutes Stand to transfer
Walk a short distance Walk a few steps/indoors
Climb a few steps Climb stairs Walk up a slope
Sit upright in any chair Sit up in a supportive chair
Sit reclined on a chair or sofa Sit propped up in bed
Must remain relatively flat and in bed
Cannot safely stand Cannot safely get out of bed
The mobility aids I use include
Wheelchair (Full Time) Wheelchair (Ambulatory)
Powerchair Scooter Walker/Rollator
Zimmer/Hospital Frame Cane/Walking Stick
Crutches Seat Riser/Recliner Strap/Splint/Brace
Prosthetic (upper limb) Prosthetic (lower limb)
Other:
What I would like you to know about my mobility

### Mental Health

Find details of my specific MH conditions on pages ......

I experience the following difficulties with my Mental Health
Anxiety Depression PTSD SAD OCD Dissociative Episodes Paranoia Mania Panic Hyperventilation Obsessive Worrying Catastrophising Disordered Eating Body Dysmorphia Self-Harm Skin-Picking Hallucinations Psychosis Addiction Alcoholism Overwhelm Aversion Delusions Hyperactivity Lethargy PMS/PMDD Phobias Agoraphobia Claustraphobia Social Anxiety Obsessive Thoughts Intrusive Thoughts Suicidal Ideation Other
I am very uncomfortable being touched, treated, or examined by certain sexes/genders: Yes No Please explain whose presence you would find distressing)
To feel at ease, I require a chaperone during this 1-to-1 care (Tick all that apply, and explain more if you need to)  Scans Blood Tests/Injections Procedures Physio  Intimate Examinations All Examinations Washing  Dressing Appointments Other

## More about my Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

### **Mental Health**

At times, I harm myself / others by
I manage my symptoms by
Things I find triggering or distressing include
Things you can do to help me:
My Mental Health care is overseen by:
Tel: Hospital/Clinic
If I am in crisis please call:
Tel: They are my:

### Recent Treatment

If you've had any recent tests, admissions, or medications please add them in here.

Recent inpatient admissions or A&E visits (in last 6-12 months) (Please add the date, hospital, and brief reason for admission)	
Recent Tests, Scans, Day Surgery, etc (and result if known)	
Recently Prescribed Medication (eg: antibiotics & date taken)	

More about my Chronic Illnesses and Disabilities.

## My Conditions

Name of illness, disability, or difficulty
My main symptoms / how I am affected
How I manage these challenges
How you can help me
What I'd like you to know about my condition
Medical professional / team who usually help with this
Name: Contact:
This person can explain more if I am unable to Name & Relationship: Telephone Number:

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Name & Relationship:
Telephone Number:

I sometimes struggle to sleep or need help to rest well.

## Sleep

I have: A Sleep Disorder Sleep Apnea Narcolepsy Insomnia Nightmares Parasomnias RLS Fatigue Trouble Falling Asleep Trouble Staying Asleep Trouble Waking Up Other
I usually sleep: Too Much Enough Not Enough Other
My sleep is usually: Refreshing Unrefreshing Mixed Other
Things that help me sleep well include
Things that make sleeping difficult
To sleep safely & comfortably I need
Medication Bed Rails CPAP Air Mattress  Sheet Protector Eye Mask Lights Off Quiet  Other

## Continence

I need hel	lp to m	nanage my
toileting:	Yes	No 📗

I have: Intermittent Incontinence Bladder Incontinence
Bowel Incontinence No problems with continence
I have an: Ileostomy Colostomy J-Pouch Urostomy: Incontinent Diversion Continent Diversion SPC Catheter IUC Catheter Intermittent Catheter
My stoma(s) are: Permanent Temporary Other I've had my stoma(s) since Preferred Ileostomy/Colostomy bags: Two-Piece Drainable Brand and size: My preferred Urostomy bags are: Two-Piece Drainable Brand and size: My SPC/IUC catheter was changed/inserted on My catheter type is: Male Anatomy Female Anatomy Brand and size:
Please offer me help with: Changing or emptying my bag
Inserting my catheter Enemas Suppositories
Changing pads Cleanliness Other (see below)
I require enemas, laxatives, or other intervention to manage my toileting needs. (Please give details)
Other ways I manage my toileting include: Continence Pads  Mattress Protector  Continence Underwear  Other

Ye	Menstruation  S No Used to
	My cycle is: Regular Currently paused
	To manage my menstrual needs I require help with:
	I use the following products for my menstrual health
	Sanitary Pads Reusable Pads Tampons Cup
sport	Period Underwear HRT GnRH Agonist Pill
e Pas	Coil Implant Injections Patch Blockers
hronic Health & Care Passport	Other
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ic He	These things help me with my pain
Chror	Stick-on Heat Pads Electric Heat Pads TENS
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	Meditation CBD Tampons Painkillers
	Other
	When I am in a lot of pain or my mental health is suffering because of my menstrual cycle, the best way to help me is by:
	ysterectomy? I am under the care of a Consultant, Specialist Nurse, or clinic to oversee my genito-urinary health:  Name: Gender Affirmation Surgery?

Contact:

### Communication

I sometimes have difficulty communicating: Yes No

I sometimes have difficulty with
(Tick all that apply, and explain more if you can)
Speaking
Hearing
Vision
Reading
Writing
Understanding Numbers
Comprehension
Memory
Attention
Thinking Clearly
Finding the Right Words
Difficulty with Multiple Speakers
Becoming Overwhelmed
Decision Paralysis
Eye Contact
Understanding Facial Expressions
Recognising Faces
Interpreting Jokes or Taking Things Literally
Difficulty Understanding the Local Language
Other

The help I may need to communicate.

### Help Communicating

	To help me communicate, I need
	Help from a Carer
	A Picture Book or Symbol Set
	Letter/Language Board
	AI Voice/AAC Technology
	Sign Language or Makaton
_	To Lipread
	A Hearing Aid/Implant
	Large Print or Braille
	Simplified Written Information
	Information Read Aloud to Me
	Information Written Down
	Help Signing Consent Forms
	You to Speak Up
	You to Speak Softly
	You to Use Simple Language
	To Not Have Too Many People Talking
	To Have Important Things Repeated
	Information in this Language
	An Interpreter Who Speaks:
	Other

## Discharge Plan

This is how you can help me prepare to go home.

Before I can return to where I live, I may need
A Discharge Planning Meeting
This needs to involve:
A Care Plan
Carers in place at home
A Physio Assessment
An OT Assessment
A Step-Climb / Stair Safety Test
A Mental Health Assessment
A Social Services Assessment
Carer/Advocate to attend meetings/assessments with me
Carer/Advocate Name:
Contact:
Other
Before discharging me, please contact
Name:
Contact:
Relationship to me:

Keep a handy note or ask your healthcare team to write your appointments here.

## Appointments

Date:	. Time:	Name:
Place:	Department/Reaso	on:
Date:	. Time:	Name:
Date:	Time:	Name:
Date:	. Time:	Name:
		Name:

## What to Ask at Appointments

Remember to take a list of all your current medication and supplements, if appropriate.

What do I want to achieve at this appointment?
The things I most need help with today include
Pain Management Medication Mobility Fatigue
Nutrition Mental Health Care Needs Sleep
A New Symptom An Acute Change Reassurance
Advice on the Next Step Clarity About My Situation
Referral to Another Specialist for Tests, Advice, or Surgery
Other:
Example questions. Tick all you want to ask.
What are the tests for? When/how will I get the results?
What were my results? What do they mean?
What does treatment involve? How long will it take?
What can I do to help myself? What happens next?
How long is the waiting list? What are the risks?
When's my next appointment? How will you contact me?
Who do I contact if things change or I am worried?
Any other questions or concerns:

Notes for/f
Appointment/Reason for notes:
Date notes were taken:

### Appointment Notes

Notes for/from my appointment
Contact info and things to bring or ask next time

### Hospital Bag Suggestions

A few ideas to help you design your own hospital bag checklist on the next page.

### Don't forget!

- My Chronic Health & Care Passport with contact numbers in it.
- My Medication, and a list of what I take, including supplements.
  - My Admission Letter or Documents (if asked to bring any).
- Samples (or anything else requested for a planned admission).
  - Leave any unnecessary jewellery or valuables at home.

### **Everyday essentials**

- Mobile Phone
   Charger
   Headphones
   Notepad & Pen
  - Money (Very Small Amount)Glasses/Contacts & Case
  - Dentures Tissues Keys (if nobody can bring them in)

### **Medical items**

- Medication & List
   Mobility Aids
   Communication Aids
  - Wheelchair Cushions etc
     Adapted Cutlery or Straws
  - Continence Supplies (eg: Stoma Kit)
     Menstrual Products
- Supports/Straps/Braces
   TENS machine
   Heat Pad

### Clothes & toiletries (travel-size toiletries can be handy here!)

- Day Clothes: loose, easy to put on if sore, weak, or post-op.
- Comfy Underwear
   Slippers: waterproof soles are very useful.
- Nightwear: no metal zips/buttons (for scans).
   Dressing Gown
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
   Lipsalve
   Hairbrush/Comb/Bands
  - Soap, Flannel, Towel, Deodorant
     Shampoo/Dry Shampoo
    - Shaving Supplies, Small Mirror
       Hand Cream & Nail File

### **Entertainment & sleep**

- Book, Magazine, Puzzles
   Audiobooks, Podcasts, Music, Netflix
- Colouring Book, Pens
   Eye Mask
   Earplugs
   Sweets/Snacks

List your inpatient essentials to help you or your family and carers remember what to pack.

### Hospital Bag Checklist

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### Self-Care Crisis Plan

Write down the things that help give you strength, so that you always have them with you.

### Who should I call?

Name:	
Contact:	
Name:	
Contact:	
Name:	
Contact:	9508
What can I do to keep myself safe? What has worked before	?
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What soothes me or gives me the strength to keep going? What good memory helps me to hold on and ask for help?	
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Support services and organisations who might be able to help when you need it.

### Helplines

Samaritans - www.samaritans.org - Tel: 116 123 (24/7)

Emotional support for people who are distressed.

Postal Address: Chris, Freepost RSRB-KKBY-CYJK, PO Box 9090,

Stirling, FK8 2SA. Or Email: jo@samaritans.org

Shout - Text: text SHOUT to 85258

Support if you're experiencing a personal crisis & are unable to cope.

C.A.L.M. - www.thecalmzone.net - Tel: 0800 58 58 58 (5pm – midnight) Phone (for callers within London area): 0808 802 5858 Emotional support, advice, and information for men who are feeling suicidal, and their families.

Scope - www.scope.org.uk - Tel: Phone: 0808 800 3333

Textphone: dial 18001 then 0808 800 3333. (Freephone if in UK.) Providing free, independent, impartial advice and support to disabled people and their families. Email: helpline@scope.org.uk.

Language Translation and BSL video calls also available if required.

The Advocacy People - www.theadvocacypeople.org.uk
Tel: 0330 440 9000 or Text 80800, starting message with PEOPLE info@theadvocacypeople.org.uk

Helping anyone who needs independent support to speak up. They can help with medical, care, & MH advocates, people lacking capacity, official healthcare complaints, and more.

Trussell Trust - www.trusselltrust.org/get-help - Tel: 01722 580180 Search on website for nearest foodbank. Providing a minimum of three days emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. Vouchers available from Social Services and CAB.

The Cinnamon Trust - https://cinnamon.org.uk - Tel: 01736 757 900 Practical support for elderly, ill, or disabled pet owners in need.

This booklet has been designed to help people with chronic illnesses and long-term disabilities communicate their needs to medical professionals, particularly when entering a clinical or hospital setting as an inpatient.

Whether someone has been living with illness or disability for a long time or is just getting to grips with a dramatic change in their health, it can be challenging for doctors, nurses, and support staff to understand their history. Many patients become overwhelmed by the complexity of their ever-evolving treatments and diagnoses, get frustrated or fatigued when repeating themselves, or struggle to articulate the details while acutely symptomatic.

The person to whom this booklet pertains is so much more than the sum of the ailments contained within, but we hope that having the information outlined clearly and concisely will make the admission process easier; for both the patient and their medical team.



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### **CONTACT US**

If you have any queries or suggestions please email: ChronicHealthCarePassport@gmail.com

Find our top tips & tutorials for completing your CHP or download extra pages, blank copies, accessible editions, and posters, here:

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