Derbyshire Care Pathway Definitions

In order to align with the national definitions, maintain a range of options for our population and to make best use of our local capacity and established resources, we agree the following definitions:

Pathway 0

Remain at or discharge to the place called home with no new health or social care assessment of

Pathway 1

Remain at or discharge to the place called home with assessment of need and support to recover at home from health and/or social care services.

Pathway 2a

Step up from home to or discharge to a community support bed – in a residential setting with 24-hour care (not nursing) for assessment of need, recovery, rehabilitation and reablement from health and/or social care services to return to the place called home.

Pathway 2b

Step up from home to or discharge to a community hospital bed – with 24-hour nursing and clinical support services for assessment of need (diagnosis), recovery, rehabilitation and reablement from health and/or social care services to return to the place called home.

Pathway 3

Move from home into or discharge to a nursing home for people requiring 24-hour nursing care or a residential home providing 24-hour support which is likely to be a permanent situation subject to a multidisciplinary assessment of needs and continuing healthcare.

Indicative percentages of acute hospital discharges of people aged over 65 are 50% to Pathway 0, 45% to Pathway 1, 4% to Pathways 2a and 2b and 1% to Pathway 3.

All pathways may signpost people to private, voluntary and independent sector support.

All pathways except Pathway 0 may access the Continuing Health Care assessment process.

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