

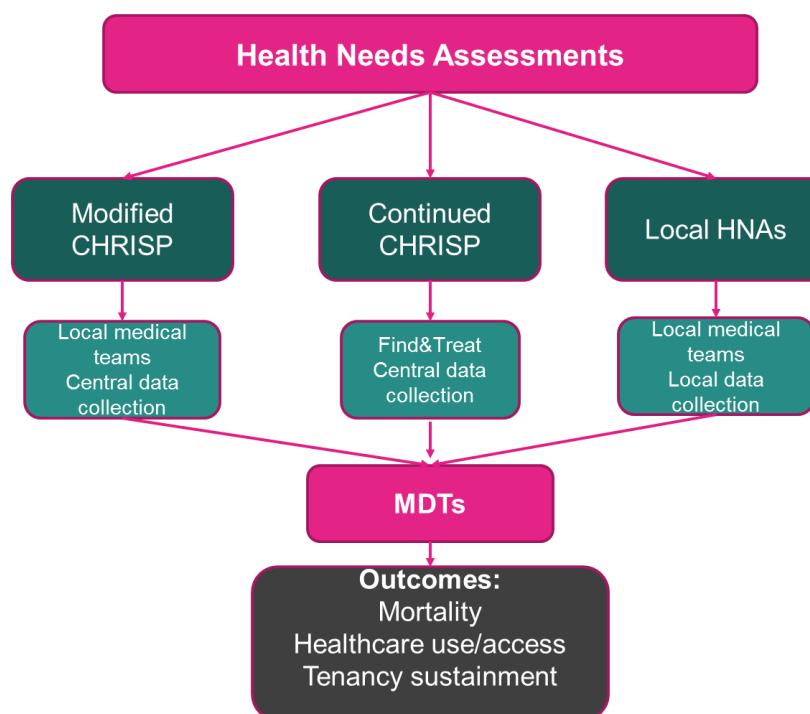
CHRISP and Health Needs Assessments: Follow on work

The CHRISP tool is based on the Inclusion Health Questionnaire using a validated series of questions to capture information about various domains of health including CVOID risks, physical health, mental health, frailty, drug and alcohol use, bloodborne virus risk and other vulnerabilities. The modified CHRISP tool can be accessed by contacting the CHRISP team. There are two options for its use.

1. CHRISP team at Find&Treat, UCLH can be commissioned to carry out CHRISP assessments in your local area with central data collection. The CHRISP team will organise and undertake the assessments and feedback information to local housing and health teams. The team can also produce a local report, summarising CHRISP results for the area. Please see HLP for more information
2. Local teams can undertake CHRISP with aggregate data centrally collected by the Find&Treat team. The data will contribute to the pan-London data collection, enabling a comprehensive assessment of needs in people who experience homelessness across London. Local teams will need to contact the CHRISP team prior to starting CHRISP in the local area, so that unique IDs can be assigned to the local area and ensure data is collected accurately.

Please contact the clinical lead for CHRISP, Dr Binta Sultan, if you are interested in these options binta.sultan@nhs.net for a copy of the CHRISP tool and planning data collection.

The final option is for local health needs assessments to be carried out by local health teams. It is important that there is communication between the health and housing teams about these assessments and a local multidisciplinary team process (see HLP website for guidance). This is to ensure that health needs feed in to individuals' move on plans and they are housed appropriately.



Importance of health needs assessments:

Approximately 1200 CHRISP assessments have been undertaken, with 70% uptake. The majority have been undertaken In GLA hotels with work continuing in Local Authority hotels. Significant health issues have been identified through CHRISP, demonstrating the significant unmet health needs in the vulnerable people housed in hotels.

These include acute physical health needs such as pneumonia, TB, people who have run out of medications. We have also identified people with acute mental health needs including active plans of suicide and those displaying symptoms of psychosis. The CHRISP assessments have also identified vulnerable people such as those who are victims of human trafficking and had not been previously identified.

Outcomes:

It is important to capture outcomes of health and housing assessments through local or central data collection mechanisms. This includes healthcare access, morbidity, mortality and tenancy sustainment. This data enables evaluation of the impact of health needs assessments in people who experience homelessness.