
Rutland County Council

Quality Assurance: CQC Readiness

CQC Inspection/Quality Assurance of ASC

The Health and Care Act 2022 gave the Care Quality Commission (CQC) new regulatory powers to undertake independent assessment of local authorities' **delivery of regulated care functions set out in Part 1 of the Care Act 2014.**

CQC assessments will focus on how local authorities discharge their duties under The Care Act (2014) and will focus on 4 themes:

1. How local authorities work with people
2. How local authorities provide support
3. How local authorities ensure safety within the system
4. Leadership

Assurance Themes:

Working with people (inc. unpaid carers) – assessing needs, care planning and review, supporting people to live healthier lives, prevention, well-being, info and advice

Providing support – market shaping, commissioning, workforce capacity and capability, integration and partnership working

Ensuring safety – safeguarding enquiries, reviews, SAB, safe systems and continuity of care

Leadership – culture, strategic planning, learning, improvement, innovation, governance, management and sustainability

- Each of the 4 assurance themes has 2 or 3 quality statements within them (9 in total)
- Inspection will be via use of data, self assessment and on site inspection
- Integration of ASC and ICS frameworks – Not to be done in tandem but inherently connected in certain domains i.e. leadership and joint priorities
- The quality statements in the single assessment framework are based on people's experiences and the standards of care they expect.

Evidence for Inspection:

- Peoples lived experience
- Feedback from staff and leaders
- Feedback from partners
- Processes, policy and guidance
- Surveys, peer reviews, national and local data sets
- Outcomes: data and feedback
- The Local Authority Self Assessment and Information Requirements
- Face to face visit

Timeline for Inspection:

April 1st 2023

CQC will review existing data and published evidence across all 152 local authorities, focusing on themes that span aspects of the following two quality statements:

- Care provision, integration and continuity
- Assessing needs

This data and evidence will not be published at individual local authority level. CQC will instead publish it at an overall national level as a collection of evidence.

September to December 2023

- Initial formal assessments begin.
- CQC aim to complete 20 between September and December.

Early 2024 onwards

- CQC will continue to undertake assessments and publish findings.
- CQC will work with DHSC on how their findings are to be published



What have we done so far?

What are we working towards?