

The CQC Single Assessment Framework

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) has introduced a Single Assessment Framework for evaluating the performance of Adult Social Care (ASC) services provided by local authorities. This new framework categorises assessments into four key Quality Domains:



This domain encompasses assessing individuals' needs, supporting them to lead healthier lives, promoting well-being, and providing necessary information and advice. It also includes the integration of unpaid carers and emphasizes choice, control, co-production, and personalisation throughout the care process.



This area focuses on the care markets, including commissioning, health integration, workforce equality, and partnership working. It aims to ensure that services are flexible and support continuity of care.



Safety is prioritised through safeguarding measures, establishing safe systems, ensuring smooth transitions between different care services, and maintaining continuity of care.



This domain covers governance, the presence of capable and compassionate leadership, and fostering a culture of learning, improvement, and innovation.