

Accommodation Strategy

Better Homes: Greater Choice

Care Standards for Residential Care Homes and Nursing Care

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and adult social care services in England. The role of the CQC is to ensure that health and social care services provide people with safe, effective, compassionate, high quality care and encourage care services to continually improve.

To ensure compliance with the Fundamental Standards of care the CQC monitor, inspect and regulate services, publishing findings, including performance ratings, which help people make informed choices about their care.

CQC Fundamental Standards

All care homes will need to comply with the CQC Fundamental Standards in relation to the five key tests.

A copy of the CQC Fundamental Standards and a full set of Regulations can be accessed at <http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/regulations-service-providers-and-managers>

In April 2013 the Health and Social Care Act 2012 set out a new responsibility for the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) to develop quality standards and guidance for social care in England. These standards are not mandatory but are intended for use in conjunction with the frameworks and regulation that already exists, providing practical support to help improve the quality of adult and children's care.

NICE are continually developing and publishing standards and a library of completed and information about future standards can be found using the following link:

<http://www.nice.org.uk/aboutnice/qualitystandards/qualitystandards.jsp>