

Royal College of Psychiatrists' briefing

CQC ratings of NHS mental health trusts

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The Care Quality Commission (CQC), which regulates service quality across health and social care, commenced reporting of 'Ofsted-style ratings' for providers from 2014. This document, subject to regular updates on our Mental Health Watch website, will illustrate the state of play for all 46 mental health NHS trusts and foundation trusts with current ratings. North London NHS Foundation Trust is yet to have a rating and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust's ratings are currently suspended.

What are the areas covered in CQC inspections?

Each provider of mental health services is rated against five overarching questions to determine an overall rating from the CQC. Among the issues covered under 'key lines of enquiry' for NHS trusts and foundation trusts are the following:

- **Is it safe?**
 - Medicines management
 - Risk assessment
 - Learning from errors
 - Safeguarding
- **Is it effective?**
 - Needs assessment and provision of evidence-based care
 - Outcomes measurement and benchmarking
 - Staff capability
 - Collaboration between staff, teams and services
- **Is it caring?**
 - Dignity and respect
 - Compassion towards patients
 - Upholding privacy
 - Patient involvement in decision-making
- **Is it responsive?**
 - Prompt access to treatment and support
 - Provision of person-centred care
 - Complaints handling
 - Adapting care to needs of different groups
- **Is it well-led?**
 - Leadership capacity and capability
 - Organisational culture

- Management and governance
- Learning and innovation

Headline ratings for all NHS mental health trusts

Organisation	Overall	Safe	Effective	Caring	Responsive	Well-led
Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Requires improvement	Good
Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Outstanding	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Outstanding
Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Requires improvement
Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good
Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good
Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Outstanding	Requires improvement	Requires improvement
Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding	Outstanding	Outstanding	Outstanding
Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Devon Partnership NHS Trust	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust	Outstanding	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding
East London NHS Foundation Trust	Outstanding	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Outstanding	Requires improvement	Requires improvement
Gloucestershire Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good

Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	Inadequate	Inadequate	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Inadequate
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good
Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Requires improvement
Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	Outstanding	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding
Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Outstanding	Outstanding	Good	Good
Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good
Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Requires improvement	Requires improvement
Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding
Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good
Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Requires improvement	Requires improvement
North East London NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust	Outstanding	Good	Good	Outstanding	Outstanding	Good
Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Outstanding	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Outstanding
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust						
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good

Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Requires improvement
Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Requires improvement
Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Requires improvement	Requires improvement
South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Good	Good
Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good
Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust	Good	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good	Good
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust	Requires improvement	Requires improvement	Good	Good	Requires improvement	Requires improvement
West London NHS Trust	Good	Requires improvement	Good	Outstanding	Good	Good

¹ Care Quality Commission, *Key lines of enquiry for NHS trusts*. Available online: <https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/healthcare/key-lines-enquiry-healthcare-services> (Accessed on 9 April 2025).