

Broad frequency of inspection guidelines for regulated care services 2016 - 17

This table sets out the board frequency of inspection for different service types. All statutory inspections will be undertaken. All additional scrutiny or improvement interventions will be prioritised according to risk and intelligence.

| Services subject to statutory minimum frequency: | | |
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| Service Category & Type | Minimum inspection frequency | For services with high or medium RAD or grades of unsatisfactory, weak, adequate |
| Care homes for older people | 1 inspection each 12 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus follow-up inspection and/or additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Care homes for children | 1 inspection each 12 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus follow-up inspection and/or additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| All other adult care homes | 1 inspection each 12 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus follow-up inspection and/or additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Support services – Care at Home | 1 inspection each 12 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Housing Support Service combined with Care at Home | 1 inspection each 12 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Secure accommodation | 1 inspection each 12 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |

| Services subject to risk based inspection frequency guidelines | | | |
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| Service Category & Type | Definition of Better Performing Services | Minimum frequency guide for Better Performing Services | Frequency guide for Services not Meeting the Better Performing Definition |
| Adoption services | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 24 months | 1 inspection each 12 months with additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Adult Placement services | | | 1 inspection each 12 months with additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Childcare agencies | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 36 months | 1 inspection each 12 months with additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Childminders - Large | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 24 months | 1 inspection each 12 months with additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Childminders – Small | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 48 months | 1 inspection each 12 months with additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |

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| Day care of children (Registered for 0-16 years i.e. under 3s) | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 24 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Day care of children (registered for 3-16 years i.e. no under 3s) | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 36 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Fostering services | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 24 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Housing support (not combined with Care at Home) | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 24 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Mainstream schoolcare accommodation and hostels (in first 2 inspection years of registration) | | | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Mainstream schoolcare accommodation and hostels (after 2 inspection years of registration) | Low RAD & Grades 5 or more | 1 inspection each 36 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Nurse agencies | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 36 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Offender accommodation services | n/a | n/a | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Residential special schools | Low RAD & Grades of 4 or more | 1 inspection each 12 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus follow up inspection and additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |
| Support services - adult day care | Low RAD & Grades 4 or more | 1 inspection each 36 months | 1 inspection each 12 months plus additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s) according to risk & intelligence |