



Health Scrutiny Committee
30 May 2014

Care Quality Commission

Purpose of the report: Scrutiny of Services

The Committee will be given an overview of the developments in how the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspects and regulates health services.

Summary:

1. CQC is the independent regulator of health and social care services in England. It ensures that services comply with government standards on quality safety.
2. The Commission regularly inspects and monitors health and adult social care services. Inspections are unannounced and inspection teams will work with Overview and Scrutiny Committees and involve other partners and patients to gather information on patient's experiences of health care.
3. Findings are published in reports which include a rating system. If a service is found to not be meeting standards CQC can enforce actions to facilitate improvements.

Recommendation(s):

4. The Committee is asked to consider how it can work in partnership with the CQC in the future.

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