

Frequency of inspection rules for regulated care services Summary Guide 2015 - 16

This table sets out the frequency of inspection for different service types. The Care Inspectorate may inspect more often than shown on this table.

Services Subject to Statutory Minimum Frequency:			
Service Category & Type	Definition of Better Performing Services	Minimum Frequency for Better Performing Services	Minimum Frequency for Services not Meeting the Better Performing Definition
Care homes for older people	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 12 months	2 inspections each 12 months
Care homes for children	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 12 months	2 inspections each 12 months
All other adult care homes	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 12 months	2 inspection each 12 months
Support services – Care at Home	n/a	n/a	1 inspection each 12 months
Housing Support Service combined with Care at Home	n/a	n/a	1 inspection each 12 months
Secure accommodation	n/a	n/a	2 inspections each 12 months
Risk Based Minimum Inspection Frequency:			
Service Category & Type	Definition of Better Performing Services	Minimum Frequency for Better Performing Services	Minimum Frequency for Services not Meeting the Better Performing Definition
Adoption services	n/a	n/a	1 inspection each 12 months
Adult Placement services	n/a	n/a	1 inspection each 12 months

Childcare agencies	Low RAD & Grades 3 4 or more	1 inspection each 36 months	1 inspection each 12 months
Childminders - Large	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 24 months	1 inspection each 12 months
Childminders – Small	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 48 months	1 inspection each 12 months
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
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
Fostering services	n/a	n/a	1 inspection each 12 months
Housing support (not combined with Care at Home)	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 24 months	1 inspection each 12 months
Mainstream schoolcare accommodation and hostels (in first 2 inspection years of registration)	n/a	n/a	1 inspection each 12 months
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
Nurse agencies	Low RAD & Grades 3 4 or more	1 inspection each 36 months	1 inspection each 12 months
Offender accommodation services	n/a	n/a	1 inspection each 12 months
Residential special schools	<u>n/a Low RAD & Grades of 4 or more</u>	<u>n/a-1 inspection each 12 months</u>	2 inspections each 12 months
Support services - adult day care	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 36 months	1 inspection each 12 months

*RAD refers to Regulatory Assessment Document

Notes

1. References to “in each 12/24/36 months...” refers to actual inspection year(s) as opposed to 12/24/36 etc months from previous inspection date.
2. Inactive childminders must be inspected in the inspection year that they revert to ‘Active’ status.