

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 inspections will be prioritised according to risk and intelligence.

Services subject to statutory minimum frequency:		
Service Category & Type	Statutory 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	Additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s)
Care homes for children	1 inspection each 12 months	Additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s)
All other adult care homes	1 inspection each 12 months	Additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s)
Support services – Care at Home	1 inspection each 12 months	Additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s)
Housing Support Service combined with Care at Home	1 inspection each 12 months	Additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s)
Secure accommodation	1 inspection each 12 months	Additional scrutiny or improvement intervention(s)

Services subject to risk based inspection frequency guidelines			
Service Category & Type	Definition of Better Performing Services	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
Adult Placement services			1 inspection each 12 months
Childcare agencies	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 36 months	1 inspection each 12 months

Services subject to risk based inspection frequency guidelines			
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	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 24 months	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)			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 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	Low RAD & Grades of 4 or more	1 inspection each 12 months	1 inspection each 12 months plus follow-up inspection
Support services - adult day care	Low RAD & Grades 4 or more	1 inspection each 36 months	1 inspection each 12 months