

Trust Boards-in-Common Front Sheet

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Name of Meeting	Trust Boards-in-Common
Date of the Meeting	Thursday, 14 August 2025
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Title of Report	Premises Assurance Model 2024 – 2025 – Executive Summary
Executive Summary	The NHS Premises Assurance Model (PAM) is a mandatory management tool driven by NHS England and is designed to provide a nationally consistent approach to evaluating the premises performance through the co-ordinated approach across seven domains and comprising of self-assessment questions that provide the assessment structure. The Trust Board is requested to approve the HUTH and NLAG PAM report for 2024 – 2025
Background Information and/or Supporting Document(s) (if applicable)	N/A
Prior Approval Process	Performance Estates and Finance CiC (July) Estates, Facilities and Development Governance Estates, Facilities and Development SMT
Financial Implication(s) (if applicable)	N/A
Implications for equality, diversity and inclusion, including health inequalities (if applicable)	N/A
Recommended action(s) required	☒ Approval ☐ Discussion ☐ Assurance ☐ Information ☐ Review ☐ Other – please detail below:

Group Directorate of Estates, Facilities and Development Annual PAM Reports

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

1.0 Executive summary

1.1 Background -

1.1.1 The NHS Premises Assurance Model (PAM) is a mandatory management tool driven by NHS E (NHS England) and is designed to provide a nationally consistent approach to evaluating the premises performance through the co-ordinated approach across seven domains and comprising of self-assessment questions that provide the assessment structure:

1. Safety Hard (Estates) – x22 assessment categories
2. Safety Soft (Facilities) – x10 assessment categories
3. Organisational Governance - x3 assessment categories
4. Patient Experience - x6 assessment categories
5. Effectiveness - x4 assessment categories
6. Efficiency - x5 assessment categories
7. Helipad – x1 assessment category*

* Tiered response levels with Yes/No qualifying questions

1.1.2 Additionally, there are two areas of the PAM which specifically look at Government Office documents and systems:

- FM Maturity (FMS 001: Management Services)
- FM Maturity (FMS 002: Asset Data) (optional last reporting year)

For each criterion, a self-assessment judgement is selected based on risk:

- Outstanding
- Good
- Requires minimal improvement.
- Requires moderate improvement.
- Inadequate
- Not Applicable

1.1.3 The submission is required to be completed by September 2025.

2.0 HUTH (Hull University Teaching Hospitals) Summary

2.1 There has been a slight increase in those rated as “Inadequate”, this is in relation to specifically Anti-Ligature and Safety in other Premises. These are currently being addressed but more progress is required in ensuring that services that are being

relocated are done so after Heads of Terms, and/or rental/leasing agreements have been confirmed.

- 2.2 In addition the SAQ (Standard Assessment Questions) for Decontamination has been considered as Not Applicable for this period as responsibility for this services was transferred into the care groups and outside of E,F& D. Also, the SAQ for Martyn's Law was not considered for the period stated as the legislation was not passed until late March 2025 and the SAQ set was not finally published until May 2025. This will, however, be included within the 2025-26 period.

3.0 NLaG (Northern Lincolnshire & Goole) Summary

- 3.1 For the Safety Hard there has been a slight increase in "outstanding" as the qualifying elements for this has been clarified by the National User Group. There has also been some movement from "good" to "requires minimal improvement" as there is a realignment within the E,F & D (Estates, Facilities & Development) Directorate as part of the Group working processes being implemented.
- 3.2 With the Safety Soft SAQ's there have been increases in both "outstanding" and "good" elements as the implementation of the National Standards progresses.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 There are specific areas for each partner organisations which are detailed in the separate reports. However across the two organisations there are some common elements. These are:
- Fire Safety – appointment of a suitable Authorising Engineer(Fire) [AE(Fire)] due to be implemented in 25-26 period with a combined audit report to ensure a consistent approach. Resources available also need to be reviewed to ensure that processes are strengthened and the services are aligned across both organisations.
 - Operational Management – there is a need to update the Computer Aided Facilities Management (CAFM) system across both organisations. This is due to be addressed within the 25-26 period as a tender across the Group is due to be completed and implemented within that period.
- 4.2 The independent review of PAM is currently different in each organisation and this may give rise to an inconsistent approach and level of assurance in some areas. However, this should be considered as how to address as part of the E,F&D restructure that will be implemented in 25-26.

4.3 The Trust Board is requested to approve the two organisational PAM reports for 2024-25

Estates and Facilities

Premises Assurance

Model 2024-2025

End of Year Report

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an end-of-year summary of the main findings when completing the mandatory NHSE 2024-25 Premises Assurance Model (PAM), which is required to have Trust Board¹ oversight/sign off.

Background Information

Regulated by NHSE, the PAM is a national, mandatory standardised approach to self-assessing assurance levels within Estates, Facilities & Development². Through the coordinated engagement with both internal and external stakeholders, there are seven domains comprising of 53 self-assessment questions that provide the assessment structure:

1. Safety Hard (Estates) – x22 assessment categories
2. Safety Soft (Facilities) – x10 assessment categories
3. Organisational Governance - x3 assessment categories
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Additionally, there are two areas of the PAM which specifically look at Government Office documents and systems:

- FM Maturity (FMS 001: Management Services)
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Contained within each domain are:

- Self-assessment questions (SAQ's) which are answered through a series of sub-questions based on NHSE set criterion.
- National Metrics: a standardised method of determining levels of adherence to healthcare and government legislation requirements with regards to Estate and Facilities. The judgement metrics are:
 - Outstanding
 - Good
 - Requires Minimal Improvement
 - Requires Moderate Improvement
 - Inadequate
 - Not Applicable

The exception is the H1 domain, Helipad, which is piloting the YES/NO method of response coming away from the perspective style of rating. Although NLaG does not have a helipad and therefore does not answer this domain it is pertinent to note that it is anticipated that the YES/NO methodology will feature in the whole collection if the pilot proves successful.

¹ 'Trust Board' is NHSE terminology, and the intent is that HUTH equivalent is the NHS Humber Health Partnership Cabinet act in the capacity of HUTH Board.

² Although categorised as *Estates, Facilities & Development* departments/services are assessed which do not sit within Estates, Facilities & Development in the structure of HUTH

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Late May 2025, NHSE made Trusts aware of the final, yet unapproved SAQ definitions of the 2024/25 PAM. In addition to the Helipad feedback methodology change, it included two additional SAQ's, together with change of grouping for the BIM/PSTN SAQ being moved from the Safety Soft to the Safety Hard domain. The two new SAQ's are:

- SH20 Mortuaries
- SS10 Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 – Martyn's Law

The view of the EF&D senior management team that the SAQ's have been provided beyond the end of March 2025 and therefore will only be considered in the 2025/26 submission and not addressed as part of the 2024/25 rating submission.

HUTH has undertaken the PAM since 2018/19, HUTH's Estates, Facilities & Development Directorate has actively engaged in the PAM self-assessment process with the EF&D Information & Governance team facilitating the process. Additionally, the Trust is represented at a national level consulting every quarter at the NHSE Premises Assurance User Group.

The PAM programme has only recently become a mandatory requirement appearing for the first time in the 2021 NHS Standard Contract.

Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust's PAM Model

HUTH's annual self-assessment usually commenced in November 2024 concluding early June 2025 with an annual report. The period between April and August enables internal and external reporting to be completed. The PAM sessions were conducted with the SAQ Leads and subject matter experts at facilitated workshops.

The existing model has been presented previously, and is deemed suitable for the organisation, resulting in transparent and credible assurances.

Inherently, the self-assessment process is a subjective process, and no physical evidence is collected. It is understood by the SAQ Leads that any external enquiries or audits would require production of any evidence to support their self-assessment ratings.

Additionally, national guidance such Health Technical Memorandums (HTM) and Trust policy requirements also inform the level of assurance for the operational teams.

The outcome of the PAM self-assessment process is presented at the EF&D Group Governance & Assurance meeting for approval, prior to seeking Board approval to submit the return to NHSE. It is intended that from the 2024/25 PAM all relevant actions will be discussed and progress towards completion will be monitored at the Technical/Operational Sub Groups. This integration with the Sub-Groups is evolving.

As the PAM is near the end of the 7th year of the current model and upon review, the delivery model is assessed as fit for purpose and delivers a meaningful self-assessment within the confines of the national mandated process. It should be

further noted that individual self-assessment questions are subject to scrutiny annually and may change.

2024-25 Estates and Facilities PAM Summary of Findings

The charts below capture the end of year comparisons that visually represents the judgements for the EF&D primary service provision (Hard and Soft FM) domains of Estates, Facilities & Development against each standardised question set. Appendix 1 provides the full data capture for each domain.

Graphical illustration of the displacement of judgements for both Estates (SH1 to SH22) (SH20 was not assessed; SH22 was identified as N/A) and Facilities (SS1 to SS1.10 (SS10 removed)).

Figure 1 - Safety Hard - Comparison for 21/22 – 24/25 period

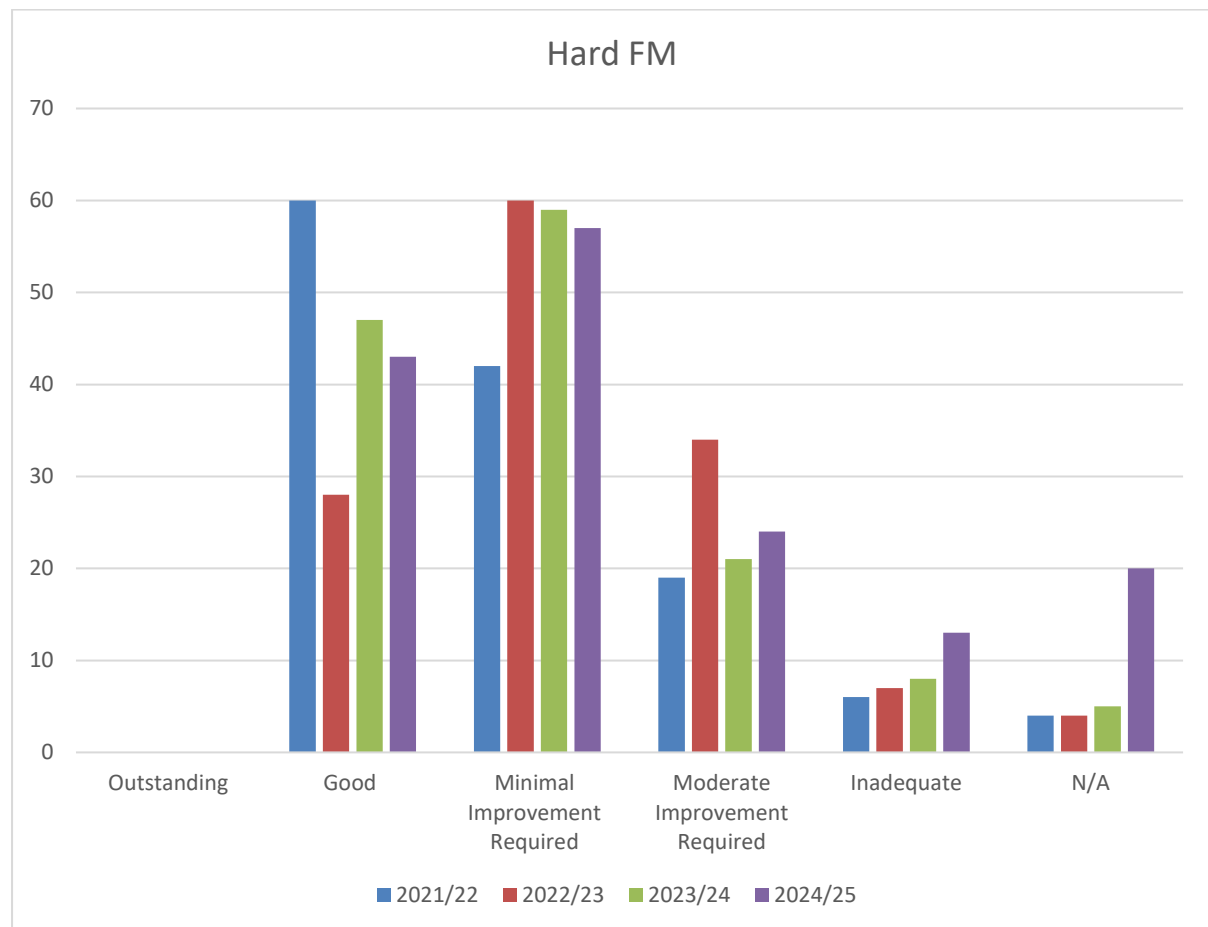


Figure 2 - Safety Soft - Comparison for 21/22 – 24/25 period

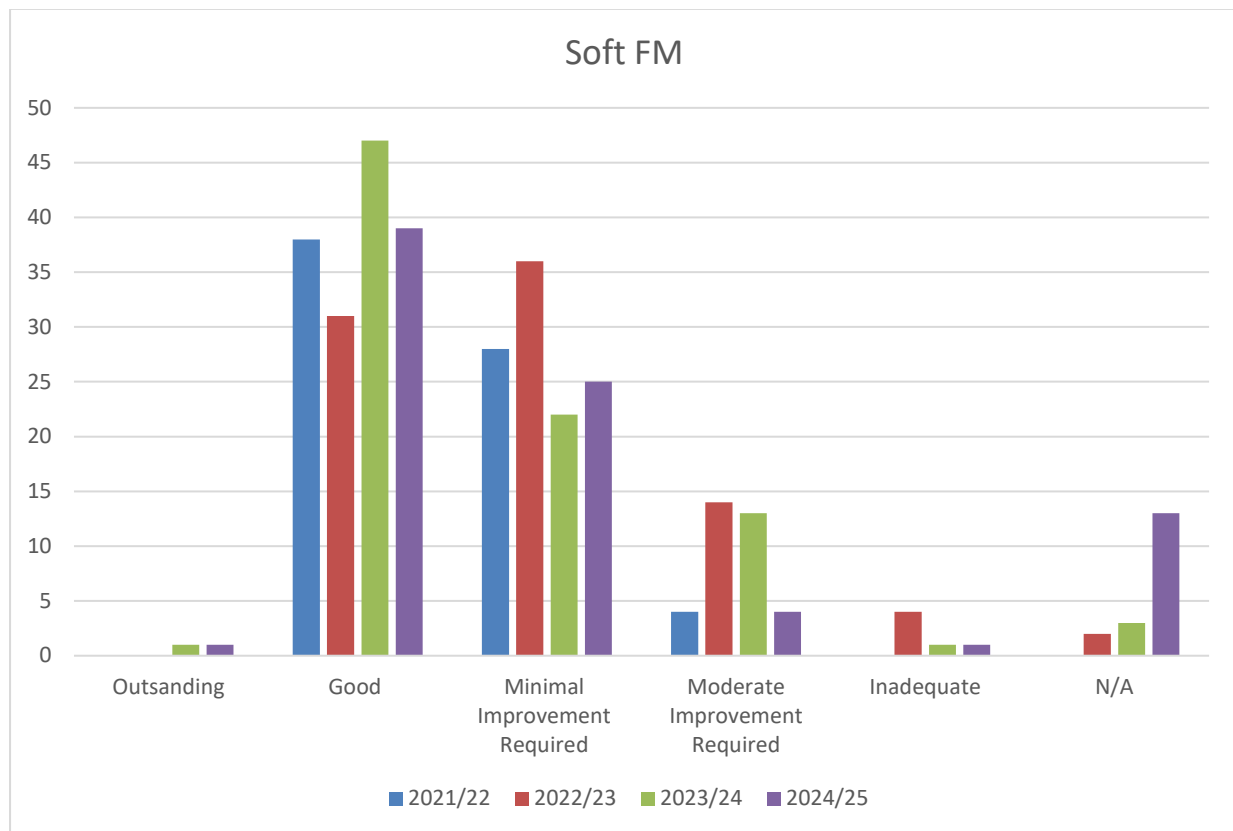


Figure 1 (Safety Hard) shows a slight decrease in the self-assessment rating of Good and Minimal Improvement Required. There has been an increase in the Moderate Improvement Required. There is an increase in the Inadequate rating that is due to the self-assessment of the Anti-Ligature SAQ with professional input from the Consultant Nurse (Mental Health). The variation is accredited to the evolving Group model and the evolving alignment of systems and processes between the South and North Bank Trusts.

There is one SAQ in the Safety Hard domain which has been self-assessed as being Inadequate throughout. This is SH18 Safety in Other Premises. This is when HUTH operates out of premises not owned by the Trust and is typical of 'outreach clinical services'. The weakness in assurance is considered an organisational issue and not solely isolated to EF&D. It has been self-assessed as part of the PAM as the Property Services resides within the EF&D directorate. The root cause is due mainly to Health Groups occupying facilities in other 'landlord's premises', in order to deliver services close to the patient. However, this is invariably undertaken without any Heads of Terms, lease or rental agreement being put in place. This has the potential to put HUTH staff at risk, as they may be unaware of local procedures and arrangements, e.g. fire alarms and evacuation, health and safety arrangements, lone working, key handling, etc. Whilst some progress has been achieved it is considered not significant enough to change the PAM ratings.

The increase in the Not Applicable (N/A) ratings is attributable to, in the main, the S20 Mortuaries SAQ's which was not self-assessed in 2024/25 due the late inclusion and SH22 PSTN Shutdown, which was not assessed as this is seen as an IT lead.

For the Safety Soft (see figure 2) there has also been a change in the level of assurance provided, due mainly to the SS2 standard (Decontamination) now being considered N/A, as the delivery responsibility for the service is with the Care Groups. Additionally, SS10 Terrorism Prevention (Martyn's Law) has not been self-assessed in 2024/25 due the late inclusion.

The removal of the SS2 Decontamination SAQ and the late inclusion of SS10 Terrorism Prevention (Martyn's Law), has impacted on the ratio of the other PAM ratings for Safety Soft domain.

Figure 3 - 24/25 SAQ Outcome Safety Hard

	P&P	R&R	RA	Mtce	T&D	EPRR	Review
SH1	3	3	2	3	2	2	3
SH2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2
SH3	4	3	3	3	0	3	4
SH4	4	3	4	0	4	3	4
SH5	2	3	4	0	3	2	3
SH6	3	3	3	4	2	3	2
SH7	3	2	3	3	3	3	2
SH8	4	3	3	3	3	2	2
SH9	4	4	3	4	3	3	2
SH10	4	4	4	3	3	2	2
SH11	3	3	3	3	2	2	2
SH12	4	3	3	2	2	2	2
SH13	3	4	2	2	3	2	3
SH14	4	4	4	3	3	2	2
SH15	2	4	4	3	3	2	3
SH16	3	2	2	4	3	0	2
SH17	3	2	2	0	2	2	0
SH18	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
SH19	3	2	2	3	3	3	3
SH20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SH21	5	4	5	5	5	5	5
SH22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

Figure 4 - 24/25 SAQ Outcome Safety Soft

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SS1	2	3	2	3	3	3	2
SS2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SS3	4	3	3	2	4	2	3
SS4	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
SS5	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
SS6	2	2	2	3	2	3	4
SS7	5	3	2	2	2	2	3
SS8	3	2	3	2	3	2	3
SS9	3	3	2	2	1	2	2
SS10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average	3	2	2	2	2	2	2

Figures 3 and 4
Areas of Good Practice

- There has been an improvement on the general Estates & Facilities Management (SH1) domain.
- Electrical Systems (SH9) has also improved in a number of areas, in line with a number of other engineering disciplines.
- In the Safety Soft domain (SS1) Catering, has improved its ratings against the national standards and the increased framework requirements.
- The rating of Outstanding was recommended for the (SS9) Portering Services training and development process and the linking of Safe Systems of Work staff 'sign off' as read and understood. This maintains records for the Portering Service management team with embedded alerts when staff are about to expire.
- The Governance framework (G1) has decreased slightly whilst it is evident that there is a group wide monthly Governance & Assurance Group established, improved risk register identifying controls and gaps and actions to mitigate the risk. There is a transitional approach to the use and implementation of Group approved documentation.
- Patient Experience continues to self-assess in the lower ratings as this is historically strong on PALCE audits but not as robust on other patient feedback opportunities. The directorate is working with the Patient Experience lead to collect feedback on EF&D services and once this has become embedded, we will reach out to our nursing colleagues in order to understand if the ACE process offers further robustness to patient and staff feedback on EF&D services.

Key Areas for Improvements

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- Safety in Other Premises (SH18) has remained as Inadequate throughout, for the second consecutive year. This is despite some works progressing in the year however it was considered not to impact on the current ratings. This is seen as a Trustwide risk and has been included on the Trust Operational Risk Register (Risk ID 4312).
- Asbestos Management (SH5) has deteriorated since the last annual review and is attributable to a number of issues, to the lack of information uploaded onto the Trust Asbestos Register and future process, completion of the robust risk assessment on the Asbestos Register and the inclusion of known asbestos abatement works on the Backlog Maintenance register.
- Fire Safety has also seen a slight deterioration, which is attributed to the appointment of an AE (Fire) conducting their initial audit. This has introduced a challenge into the current processes within the Fire Safety Team. Work is required to strengthen the team and the processes.
- Policies and procedural documents are required for all relevant SAQ areas in the Safety Hard and the Safety Soft domains.
- The review process in the Safety Hard and the Safety Soft domains are on the whole 'Good', consideration should be given to independent reviews. Currently some services reviews are conducted by the staff within the services, which does not demonstrate impartiality.

Conclusion

Completed in isolation of any verification process, the very nature of self-assessment is a subjective process at best. However, the EF&D Information and Governance team acts semi-independently of the main Estates, Facilities & Development departments and offer an element of impartiality that challenges the validity of the assessment judgements as part of the validation process. The team cannot be seen to be semi-independent of all services as it currently reports to the Head of Operational Estates.

Work was undertaken in 2024/25 to establish the policy frameworks within the EF&D directorate. An action plan was established and is the responsibility of service leads to deliver in 2025/26.

Further works were undertaken to determine the appointment of Authorised Engineer appointments across the Group. Alignment is being considered at the appointment stages of all new AE appointments and based upon capacity and experience there is an emphasis on joint appointments where appropriate.

Below are the report recommendations for improvement:

Recommendations

- Align, where practical all AE appointments across the Group.
- Strengthen the number of Policy and Procedural documents for all technical/operational services.
- Create comprehensive suite of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all disciplines.
- Consider how independent reviews/audits might be strengthened in areas where there is no external audits/monitoring.

- Strengthen the patient and staff feedback of EF&D services.

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June 2025

Appendix

1 – National Premises Assurance Model SAQ Reference Worksheets



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PRN02003_ii_PAM SAQ

Instructions: NHS Premises Assurance Model 2023: Please also read the separate NHS PAM Guidance Document

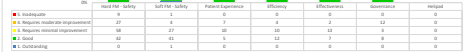
Purpose and structure of this file	This file contains Self-Assessment Questions that help evaluate the way your organisation/site manages its estate and facilities in 5 Domains. Although the Safety Domain is notionally split between hard and soft Facility Management (FM) services some questions within the 'Combined and Hard FM' supply to both sections. These questions should be assessed across both hard and soft FM e.g. the SAQ relating to Health and Safety is within the 'Safety: Combined and Hard FM' but clearly applies to soft FM also. A number of other relevant sheets are also provided						
How to complete it	The way to use this file is to fill in the 5 worksheets with yellow tabs, which include the domain self-assessment questions (SAQs). <table><tr><td>Year 1</td><td>Year 2</td><td>The assessment can be for one or two years if comparisons are required.</td></tr><tr><td>2023-24</td><td>2024-25</td><td>◀Use the drop down in the yellow boxes to alter the years where relevant</td></tr></table> Each SAQ contains several prompt questions. By answering the prompt questions, a result is automatically calculated for the SAQs and the domains. Please note it is not possible to give a rating to the SAQ directly, it has to be rated indirectly using the prompt questions or, alternatively, classified as not applicable. There are six possible responses for a prompt question: - Not applicable: this prompt question does not apply to your organisation/site. - Outstanding: compliant with no action plus evidence of high quality services and innovation. - Good: compliant no action required. - Requires minimal improvement: the impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is low. - Requires moderate improvement: the impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is medium. - Inadequate: action is required quickly - the impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is high.	Year 1	Year 2	The assessment can be for one or two years if comparisons are required.	2023-24	2024-25	◀Use the drop down in the yellow boxes to alter the years where relevant
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2023-24	2024-25	◀Use the drop down in the yellow boxes to alter the years where relevant					
Results	The 'Summary' sheets show graphically the results of the NHS PAM self-assessment. - The 'summary' one shows the ratings at the domain level. It includes the average rating and the distribution of SAQ ratings for the 5 domains (i.e. the % of SAQs that obtain a rating of "Outstanding", the % of SAQs that obtain a rating of "Good", etc.) - The other 5 red 'Results' sheet detail the average rating and the distribution of the prompt questions ratings for each SAQ within the domain. This allows the user to see which SAQs are driving the results of the domains.						

Annual Changes	Annual changes may be required in line with updates to guidance and legislation, you can find an overview of the latest changes listed below. <u>Changes for 2025:</u> There has been updates to the HBN and HTM guidance, the links within the spreadsheet remains up to date, but please familiarise yourself with the latest publications: https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/complete-list-of-publications-related-to-nhs-estates/ Please also note there has been some technical bulletins published this year these can be found: https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/netb/ <u>Safety Hard</u> - Legislation & guidance updates – link provided -SH20 - Mortuary question added -SH22 – Addition of a question here (previously SS10 – BIM/PSTN) <u>Safety Soft</u> -Legislation and guidance updated (link provided) -The previous SS10 (BIM/PSTN) is now moved under safety hard as SS22, this question is also slightly updated within SS22.7. -There is a new SS10 - Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 -SS3 -guidance added: 9. NHS England » NHS clinical waste strategy. <u>Efficiency</u> -F3 - Wording added - “(Please note - Building Standard is mandatory for certain projects)” -F5 Guidance updated - 8. Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS, 9. NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report, 10. Net Zero Guidance plan <u>Effectiveness</u> -E1 - Guidance updated - Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS, NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report, . Net Zero Guidance plan -E2 - Evidence updated - 3. Refer to ICS infrastructure strategy guidance the guidance includes reference to local area energy plans and local nature recovery strategies, which will support town planning. -E4 - Guidance updated - 4. NHS Climate Change Risk Assessment tool, 5. Health and climate adaptation report 2025 <u>Governance</u> -G1 - Guidance updated - 8. NHS England » Green plan guidance <u>Helipad - This question has been replaced with a new sat</u> -Please note these questions appear in a different format to the rest of the current questions, with yes/no answers. The answers will be scored based on the assurance provided. This fits in with the approach to be taken next year. <u>Contact details</u> -Contact details requested for the appointed person regarding Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025. -Contact details requested for 'Food' and 'Linen and laundry' <u>Online version of the SAQs:</u> Please note due to year on year reporting within Tableau the new questions may be reflected with a different number.
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NHS Premises Assurance Model (NHS PAM)

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Domain	SAQs - Not applicable	Sub-SAQs - Not applicable	1. Outstanding	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	5. Incomplete	Total No.
Health & Safety	0	26	4	42	58	27	3	158
Anti-Trafficking & Slavery	0	19	1	41	27	4	1	78
Human Rights	0	18	0	9	23	5	0	47
Efficiency	0	5	0	12	20	4	0	28
Environmental	0	1	0	4	14	0	0	19
Governance	0	1	0	4	3	0	0	8
Supplier	0	0	0	6	6	0	0	12
Total	0	51	5	115	127	36	4	301



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NHS Premises Assurance Model: Safety Domain (Soft FM)		The organisation provides assurance for Estates, Facilities and its support services that the design, layout, build, engineering, operation and maintenance of the estate meet appropriate levels of safety to provide premises that supports the delivery of improved clinical outcomes. The SAQs collectively provide assurance that the <i>design, maintenance and use of facilities, premises and equipment keep people safe.</i>			
◀ Back to instructions					
	SAQ/Prompt Questions	2023-24	2024-25	Evidence (examples listed below)	Relevant guidance and legislation
Ref.	SAQs in green shaded cells can be rated N/A in which case prompt question scores are ignored. Refer to 'prompt guidance sheet' for further guidance	Rate the prompt question by using the drop down menus in the columns below		Evidence in operational systems should demonstrate the approach (procedures etc.) is understood, operationally applied, adequately recorded, reported on, audited and reviewed.	The evidence should demonstrate compliance with the requirements in relevant legislation and guidance.
SS1	SS1: With regard to Catering Services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	This SAQ covers the safety aspects of catering and food with SAQ PE4 looking at patient feedback on food. Note: This applies to all food sources on-site including commercial and charitable outlets.	
SS1	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy, Food Safety Management System and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	4. Requires moderate improvement	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
SS1	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;	
SS1	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed? Has the organisation documented all processes and procedures in an approved HACCP document?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Food Standards Agency ratings and Nonmental Health Officer reports. 2. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 3. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 4. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers; 5. Nutritional screening programme identifying patients at risk from malnutrition and dehydration. 6. Allergens screening	
SS1	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained, regularly and monitored to ensure equipment relating to temperature control is functioning correctly?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS1	5. Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements including level 2 hygiene for all food handlers and HACCP at the appropriate level for supervisors and Managers?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records;	
SS1	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	1. Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006. 2. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 2002 3.Food Safety Act 1990 (Amended Regulations 2004) 4. HSG (98) 20- Management of Food Hygiene & Food Services in the National Health Service.
SS1	7: Review Process Is there a robust regular review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures which includes sampling and testing where required?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;	5. NHS Code of Practice for the manufacture, distribution and supply of food, ingredients and food related products. 6. Regulation EC 853/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs. 7. Food Service at Ward Level with Healthcare food and Beverage Service Standards – a guide to ward level services – 2007 8. Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core Standard 14 (Food) 9. Health Act 2006 Code of Practice for Prevention and Control of Health Care Associated Infections (Department of Health 2006) revised January 2008 10. Food Safety(England) Regulations 2005
SS1	8. Food Standards (No.1) Organisations should have a designated board director responsible for food (nutrition and safety) and report on compliance with the healthcare food and drink standards at board level as a standing agenda item.	4. Requires moderate improvement	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available	11. Food Safety (Temperature Control) Regulations 1995 12. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 13. Fire Hazards have been considered for any catering service 14. NHS 10 Key Characteristics of Good Nutrition and Hydration 15. British Dietetic Association's Nutrition and Hydration Digest 16. British Dietetic Association guidelines 17. The MUST Toolkit (Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool) 18. National standards for healthcare food and drink 19. Food Review
SS1	9. Food Standards (No.2) Organisations should have a food and drink strategy.	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Documented and readily available	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/2006/14/contents/made https://www.hse.gov.uk/costrhy/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/2004/2990/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eu/2004/852/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations/enforcement/regulation-14-meeting-nutritional-hydration-needs https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-health-and-social-care-act-2008-code-of-practice-on-the-prevention-and-control-of-infections-and-related-guidance https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/2005/2059/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/1995/2200/contents/made https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/hut-hyd/10-key-characteristics/ https://www.bda.uk.com/specialist-groups-and-branches/food-services-specialist-group/nutrition-and-hydration-digest.html https://www.bda.uk.com/professional/practice/practice_guidance/home https://www.bapen.org.uk/screening-and-must/must/must-toolkit/the-must-itself
SS1	10. Food Standards (No.3) Organisations should consider the level of input from a named food service dietitian to ensure choices are appropriate.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available 2. Minutes of nutritional steering group available 3. Name and details of dietitian from contacts page 4. Documented evidence of dietitian involvement in menu engineering	https://www.bapen.org.uk/must-and-self-screening/must-toolkit/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/national-standards-for-healthcare-food-and-drink/ .https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-nhs-hospital-food
SS1	11. Food standards (No. 4) Organisations should nominate a food safety specialist and this person should chair a food safety group	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available 2. Minutes of food safety group available 3. Evidence of food safety audit management and safety system 4. A food safety group, to include relevant leads should be set up, this should also pick up outcomes from environmental health inspections. 5.Mandatory training should include an appropriate level of food hygiene training for all employees working with and serving food, this should be completed at least once every 3 years.	
SS1	12. Food Standards (No.5) Organisations invest in a high calibre workforce, improved staffing and recognise the complex knowledge and skills required by chefs and food service teams in the provision of safe food and drink services, including training report, matrices or other evidence of chef, catering and nurse training including L2 food safety.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available training matrices' and training programme 2. available on ESR	
SS1	13 Food Standards (No.6) Organisations are able to demonstrate that they have an established training matrix and a learning and development programme for all staff involved in healthcare food and drink services.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available training matrices' and training programme 2. available on ESR	

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SS1	14.Food Standards (no. 7) Organisations are able to monitor, manage and actively reduce their food waste from production waste, plate waste and unserved meals, a full waste strategy including food waste	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available 2. Evidence provided of involvement of waste management measurements and systems 3. Evidence food is included within waste management strategy 4. Completed ERIC return inline with this	
SS1	15.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have a 24 hour restaurant.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	16.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have a 24 hour café	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	17.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have a hot vending services.	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	18.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have retail services	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	19.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have cold vending	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	20.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have smart fridges	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	21.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have staff provision for storage and heating of food brought from home.	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	22. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'Inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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SS2	SS2: With regard to Decontamination Processes can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Not applicable	Management, operation and maintenance of decontamination equipment and processes covering the decontamination of surgical equipment, linen, dental equipment and flexible endoscopes. As set out in the HTM 01 Suite 01-06	
SS2	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	Not applicable	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Quality manual and supporting processes.	
SS2	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	4. Requires moderate improvement	Not applicable	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period; 4. Trust management structure for decontamination 5. Appointment letter for AE, job descriptions e.g. decontamination lead, SSD manager, Endoscopy Unit decontamination team 6. Appointment letter for AP(D) 7. Evidence of employing appropriately qualified experienced people in key roles as identified in the HTMs and other standards.	
SS2	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	3. Requires minimal improvement	Not applicable	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;	
					1. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—15(1)(d) properly used,15(1)(e) properly maintained 2. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—15(1)(d) properly used,15(1)(e) properly maintained, and 3. Health Technical Memorandum01-01A, B, C, D, E 4. Health Technical Memorandum01-04A 5. Health Technical Memorandum01-05 6. Health Technical Memorandum01-06A, B, C, D, E; 7. ISO 9001 8. ISO13485 9. Estate/MHRA alerts 10. Medical Devices Directive. 11. Revision to the Medical Devices Directive. 12. CQC Guidance about compliance - Guidance about compliance Essential standards of quality and safety 13. GS1 coding. 14. NHS Operating Framework 15. Medical Devices Regulations (MDR) 2002. 16. BS EN ISO 13485.

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SS2	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	3. Requires minimal improvement	Not applicable	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records 4. Validation reports for washer disinfectors and drying cabinets. 5. Permits to work for service engineers. Service contracts. PPM dockets and maintenance instructions 6. Permit to work system	16. BS EN ISO 15883 17. Executive Letter EL(08)5. 18. Decontamination Services Agreement. 19. In-vitro Diagnostic Devices Directive. 20. Kirby, E., Dickinson, J., Vassey, M., Dennis, M., Cornwall, M., Mcleod N. et al. (2012). Bioassay stunnex L. 21. IHEEM A&D register. 22. Institute of Decontamination Sciences (IDSc). 23. Institute of Healthcare Engineering and Estate Management (IHEEM). 24. ESAC-Pr report. 25. MHRA's 'Managing medical devices: guidance for healthcare and social services organisations' 26. MHRA 'Medical devices: conformity assessment and the CE mark'. 27. BSG Guidance for flexible endoscopy 28. JAG Guidance for endoscopy 29. BS EN ISO 15883 (washers – surgical and endo) 30. BS EN ISO 285 (sterilizers) 31. BS EN ISO 14662 (drying cabinets endo) https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/978011117613/content https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations NHS England » Health technical memoranda NHS England » Health technical memoranda NHS England » Health technical memoranda NHS England » Health technical memoranda ISO - ISO 9000 family — Quality management https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030353196&creative=435401337506&keyword=&matchtype=b&network=g&device=c&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhb36BRClARIsAKCxbG6MNLJwSJRKd8Guewkgpp_2sQzy7VYg8DODJbCe0vtttaDuPlFzQaAsdMEALw_wcB https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/Home.aspx https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-future-regulation-of-medical-devices-in-the-united-kingdom https://services.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/gac_-_dec_2011_update.pdf https://www.gs1.org/standards/barcodes https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-operating-framework-for-the-nhs-in-england-2012-13 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2002/618/contents/made https://shop.bsigroup.com/products/medical-devices-quality-management-systems-requirements-for-regulatory-purposes/tracked-changes https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/376916/Guidance_on_the_In_Vitro_Diagnostic_Medical_Devices_Directive.pdf http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/75539/1/75539.pdf https://www.iheem.org.uk/IHEEM-Authorising-Engineer-Decontamination-Register https://www.idsc-uk.co.uk/ https://www.iheem.org.uk/ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/271414/Frequently_asked_questions.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-medical-devices https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.bsig.org.uk/clinical-resource/guidance-on-decontamination-of-equipment-for-gastrointestinal-endoscopy-2017-edition/ https://www.thejag.org.uk/ https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030353196&creative=386044230705&keyword=iso13485&matchtype=b&network=g&device=c&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhb36BRClARIsAKCxbG6MNLJwSJRKd8Guewkgpp_2sQzy7VYg8DODJbCe0vtttaDuPlFzQaAsdMEALw_wcB https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030278677&~test%20specific%20requirements%20and%20the.o%20at%20least%2060%20 https://www.iso.org/standard/55290.html	
SS2	5. Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	3. Requires minimal improvement	Not applicable	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Training needs analysis, staff training matrix for SSD/Endoscopy and Estates Teams. Specialist training with external providers. Scope cleaning training 4. Competency documents for endoscopy technicians 5. Competency documents for contractors required to work on decontamination equipment 6. Agency staff - if used include matrix of assessment of competency etc?	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/978011117613/content https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations NHS England » Health technical memoranda NHS England » Health technical memoranda NHS England » Health technical memoranda NHS England » Health technical memoranda ISO - ISO 9000 family — Quality management https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030353196&creative=435401337506&keyword=&matchtype=b&network=g&device=c&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhb36BRClARIsAKCxbG6MNLJwSJRKd8Guewkgpp_2sQzy7VYg8DODJbCe0vtttaDuPlFzQaAsdMEALw_wcB https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/Home.aspx https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-future-regulation-of-medical-devices-in-the-united-kingdom https://services.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/gac_-_dec_2011_update.pdf https://www.gs1.org/standards/barcodes https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-operating-framework-for-the-nhs-in-england-2012-13 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2002/618/contents/made https://shop.bsigroup.com/products/medical-devices-quality-management-systems-requirements-for-regulatory-purposes/tracked-changes https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/376916/Guidance_on_the_In_Vitro_Diagnostic_Medical_Devices_Directive.pdf http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/75539/1/75539.pdf https://www.iheem.org.uk/IHEEM-Authorising-Engineer-Decontamination-Register https://www.idsc-uk.co.uk/ https://www.iheem.org.uk/ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/271414/Frequently_asked_questions.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-medical-devices https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.bsig.org.uk/clinical-resource/guidance-on-decontamination-of-equipment-for-gastrointestinal-endoscopy-2017-edition/ https://www.thejag.org.uk/ https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030353196&creative=386044230705&keyword=iso13485&matchtype=b&network=g&device=c&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhb36BRClARIsAKCxbG6MNLJwSJRKd8Guewkgpp_2sQzy7VYg8DODJbCe0vtttaDuPlFzQaAsdMEALw_wcB https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030278677&~test%20specific%20requirements%20and%20the.o%20at%20least%2060%20 https://www.iso.org/standard/55290.html	
SS2	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	Not applicable	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans. 5. Business Continuity plans for SSD and Endoscopy Unit. 6. Test reports for efficacy of plans. 7. Training records for staff following testing	https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/Home.aspx https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-future-regulation-of-medical-devices-in-the-united-kingdom https://services.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/gac_-_dec_2011_update.pdf https://www.gs1.org/standards/barcodes https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-operating-framework-for-the-nhs-in-england-2012-13 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2002/618/contents/made https://shop.bsigroup.com/products/medical-devices-quality-management-systems-requirements-for-regulatory-purposes/tracked-changes https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/376916/Guidance_on_the_In_Vitro_Diagnostic_Medical_Devices_Directive.pdf http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/75539/1/75539.pdf https://www.iheem.org.uk/IHEEM-Authorising-Engineer-Decontamination-Register https://www.idsc-uk.co.uk/ https://www.iheem.org.uk/ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/271414/Frequently_asked_questions.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-medical-devices https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.bsig.org.uk/clinical-resource/guidance-on-decontamination-of-equipment-for-gastrointestinal-endoscopy-2017-edition/ https://www.thejag.org.uk/ https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030353196&creative=386044230705&keyword=iso13485&matchtype=b&network=g&device=c&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhb36BRClARIsAKCxbG6MNLJwSJRKd8Guewkgpp_2sQzy7VYg8DODJbCe0vtttaDuPlFzQaAsdMEALw_wcB https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030278677&~test%20specific%20requirements%20and%20the.o%20at%20least%2060%20 https://www.iso.org/standard/55290.html	
SS2	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	Not applicable	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans. 3. Internal and external audit reports 4. Use of ISO 9001 and ISO13485 can be incorporated into evidence 5. AE audit of Trust policy and processes 6. IHEEM JAG audit report and certificate 7. Significant findings from Authorising Engineer reports and action plans.	https://www.cas.mhra.gov.uk/Home.aspx https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-the-future-regulation-of-medical-devices-in-the-united-kingdom https://services.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/gac_-_dec_2011_update.pdf https://www.gs1.org/standards/barcodes https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-operating-framework-for-the-nhs-in-england-2012-13 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2002/618/contents/made https://shop.bsigroup.com/products/medical-devices-quality-management-systems-requirements-for-regulatory-purposes/tracked-changes https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/376916/Guidance_on_the_In_Vitro_Diagnostic_Medical_Devices_Directive.pdf http://eprints.gla.ac.uk/75539/1/75539.pdf https://www.iheem.org.uk/IHEEM-Authorising-Engineer-Decontamination-Register https://www.idsc-uk.co.uk/ https://www.iheem.org.uk/ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/271414/Frequently_asked_questions.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/managing-medical-devices https://www.gov.uk/guidance/medical-devices-conformity-assessment-and-the-ce-mark https://www.bsig.org.uk/clinical-resource/guidance-on-decontamination-of-equipment-for-gastrointestinal-endoscopy-2017-edition/ https://www.thejag.org.uk/ https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030353196&creative=386044230705&keyword=iso13485&matchtype=b&network=g&device=c&gclid=Cj0KCQjwhb36BRClARIsAKCxbG6MNLJwSJRKd8Guewkgpp_2sQzy7VYg8DODJbCe0vtttaDuPlFzQaAsdMEALw_wcB https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030278677&~test%20specific%20requirements%20and%20the.o%20at%20least%2060%20 https://www.iso.org/standard/55290.html	
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	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0			
SS3	SS3: With regard to Waste and Recycling Management can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	The scope of this SAQ may gross over into Effectiveness Question E4 (SDMP)		
SS3	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
SS3	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;		

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SS3	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS3	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records:	
SS3	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	
SS3	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;	
SS3	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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SS4	SS4: With regard to Cleanliness and Infection Control applying to Premises and Facilities can the organisation evidence the following ?	Applicable	Applicable	This SAQ covers the safety aspects of cleaning and infection control. SAQ PE3 looks at patient feedback relating to cleanliness.	
SS4	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
SS4	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period; 4. Framework of responsibility at trust level, linking into departmental responsibilities.	
SS4	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;	
SS4	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS4	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Use of NHS England Cleaning Manual	
					1. Health and Care Act 2022 2. (Health Building Note 00-09) Infection control in the built environment 3. Association of Healthcare Cleaning Professionals (AHCP) (2009) Colour Coding Hospital Cleaning Materials and Equipment: Saller Practice Notice 15 4. National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England 5. Health Building Note 04-01) Adult in-patient facilities: planning and design

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SS4	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	6. COC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 7. COC Provider Handbooks 8. National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021 9. NHS Cleaning Manual (on the E+F hub since 2021, to be published on web March 2024) 1. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/31/contents 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/infection-control-in-the-built-environment-hbn-00-09/ 3. https://www.ahcp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRLS-0949-Healthcare-cleaning-manual-2009-06-v1.pdf 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/national-infection-prevention-and-control-manual-nipcm-for-england/ 5. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/adult-in-patient-facilities-planning-and-design-hbn-04-01/ 6&7. https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations 8. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2021/ 9. Hub not yet published	(For SS8 and 9 - Although the mandatory requirement is to display in patient facing areas, a Trust may choose to display in other areas so this is capturing evidence where trusts are improving standards for staff - it is best practice to share this information wider)
SS4	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;		
SS4	8: Cleaning Standards 2021 Can you evidence that Star ratings are Displayed in patient facing areas?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Audit evidence 2. Publicly displayed and available		
SS4	9: Cleaning Standards 2021 As a minimum has 95% of the estate achieved a star rating of 4* or above, following their technical audits, in FR categories 1 – 4?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available 2. Publicly displayed and available 3. Reviewed annually		
SS4	10: Cleaning Standards 2021 Have you undertaken efficacy audits in a minimum of 95% in each FR categories 1 – 4?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Audit evidence 2. Reported to Board quarterly		
SS4	11: Cleaning Standards 2021 Do you have evidence that audits scoring 3* stars or below are following an escalation and review process?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Audit evidence 2. Reported to Board quarterly		
SS4	12: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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SS5	SS5: With regard to Laundry and Linen Services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	There may be some cross over with this SAQ and SS4.		
SS5	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
SS5	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;		
SS5	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;		
SS5	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	1. (HTM 01-04) Decontamination of linen for health and social care 2. Department of Health Uniforms and workwear: Guidance on uniform and workwear policies for NHS employers 2020 3. Immunisation against infectious disease: 'The Green Book' 4. HSE (1999) Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations. London: Stationery Office 5. HSE (2002) Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations. London: Stationery Office- Health and Care Act 2022 6. COC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 7. COC Provider Handbooks 8. The Textile Services Association	
	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records 3. Training matrix available	1. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/decontamination-of-linen-for-health-and-social-care-htm-01-04/ 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/uniforms-and-workwear-guidance-for-nhs-employers/ 3. https://www.nhs.uk/documentations/immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book	

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SS5	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans;	3. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/618197/infectious-disease-the-green-book 4. https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf 5. https://www.hse.gov.uk/cosh/ 6. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/31/contents 7. https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations 8. https://isa-uk.org/healthcare/	
SS5	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;		
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SS6	SS6: With regard to Security Management can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	This SAQ relates only to the Physical Security infrastructure and labour related to the security of NHS facilities and not fraud or cybersecurity.		
SS6	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Identified and allocated resources are stipulated in the policy 4. The organisation has in place a security management strategy as a standalone document or as part of a policy statement. 5. Evidence of a Security Policy, Violence and Aggression Policy. 6. Procedure for the dissemination of key and vital information e.g. security alerts. The organisation has clear policies and procedures in place for the security of all medicines and controlled drugs.		
SS6	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period; 4. Board nominated executive with the responsibility for overseeing security management 5. Nominated Qualified and Accredited Security Management Specialist to oversee and undertake the delivery of the full range of security management work - external/internal. 6. Evidence of internal (including capital development) and external liaison and involvement in local and national groups and with agency partners also to be included in job descriptions.	1. Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 2. National Counter Terrorism Security Office guidance 3. Human Rights Act 1998 4. Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 5. Guidance from the Surveillance Commissioners Office 6. General Data Protection Regulations 2018 7. Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 8. Criminal Law Act 1967 9. Following the principle of NHS Protect - Standards for providers 2017-18 Fraud, bribery and corruption 10. Health and Safety at work act 1974. 11. Updated - NHSE National Contract 22/23 Service condition 24 – counter fraud (previously 'Protect'), NHS Requirements (Government Functional Standards NHS Counter Fraud Authority (cfa.nhs.uk) 12. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 13. CQC Provider Handbooks 14. Marlyn's Law (currently under consultation - it is important to be aware of updates)	
SS6	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers; 4. Risks identified include those related to; - Violent and aggressive individuals - Premises suitability - Lone working arrangements. - Evidence of Security assessment programme		
SS6	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2: Good	3: Requires minimal improvement	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records 4. Evidence of security involvement in new builds. 5. Evidence of a managed and maintained security access control system	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/25/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2019/3/contents/enacted https://www.gov.uk/government/latest/departments%5B%5D=national-counter-terrorism-security-office https://www.npcp.police.uk/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents	

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SS6	5. Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Evidence of the promotion of security awareness via multiple mediums 4. Evidence of tiered security training commensurate with duties based on a training needs analysis which is monitored, evaluated and reviewed as needed. 5. Demonstration of staff training in relation to incident reporting	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/25/contents https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/786444/Guide_to_the_Regulation_of_Surveillance.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents/enacted https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/4/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1967/58/contents https://cda.nhs.uk/resources/downloads/standards/Fraud_Standards_for_providers_2017-18.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150210_guidance_for_providers_on_meeting_the_regulations_final_01.pdf https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150210_guidance_for_providers_on_meeting_the_regulations_final_01.pdf https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf https://www.proctekuk.police.uk/martyns-law/martyns-law-overview-and-what-you-need-know	
SS6	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans. 5. Evidence of plans as required by the security standards; - Planning for Lockdowns; - Planning for child abductions;		
SS6	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Demonstration that risks identified through assessment are sufficiently funded to enable mitigation and response 4. Annual report to board in relation to security management 5. Evidence of work plan and ongoing review and update of plan 6. Evidence that incidents where harm or injury occur or had the potential to occur are sufficiently followed up and investigated including where appropriate support being provided to victims.		
SS6	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'Inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment		
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SS7	SS7: With regard to Transport Services and access arrangements can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ covers fleet management and transport of goods and services on and between sites. It excludes patient transport apart from the management of taxi services. Related patient experience is covered in SAQ P5. Access arrangements may also be covered under SH2. This includes car parking.		
SS7	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	5. Inadequate	5. Inadequate	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
SS7	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;		
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SS7	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports. 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records;	https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ https://kb.breem.com/knowledgebase/transport-assessments-and-transport-statements/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/net-zero-travel-and-transport-strategy/ https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/EST0018-001-EV-Guide-for-Fleet-Manager-WEB.pdf https://www.r-e-a.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Updated-UK-EVSE-	

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SS7	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;	
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SS8	SS8: With regard to Pest Control can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable		
SS8	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Preventative/corrective strategies; demonstration of documented process and procedure whereby non-compliance is identified and remediation strategies are developed and delivered.	1 Public Health Act 1961 2 Control of Pollution Act 1974 3 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 4 The Poisons Act 1972 5 The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulation 1988 6 Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986 7 Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 8 COC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Etc2/9-10/64/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/40 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/66 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uklsi/1988/1957/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uklsi/1986/1510/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/6780111117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations
SS8	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;	
SS8	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;	
SS8	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS8	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records.	
SS8	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	
SS8	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Records of pest infestation, COSHH data sheets for pesticides, records of bait placement etc. 4. Documented evidence of audits and reviews to support compliance.	

NHS Premises Assurance Model: Safety Domain (Soft FM)		The organisation provides assurance for Estates, Facilities and its support services that the design, layout, build, engineering, operation and maintenance of the estate meet appropriate levels of safety to provide premises that supports the delivery of improved clinical outcomes. The SAQs collectively provide assurance that the <i>design, maintenance and use of facilities, premises and equipment keep people safe.</i>				
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SS8	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	1. Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 2. Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1988 3. CQC Provider Handbooks https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/1988/1222/contents/made https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf To note we are working on guidance for portering which will be available for reference next year, covering: - Service strategy (workforce) - Technology and equipment - Policy - Working with clinical teams	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0			
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0			
SS9: with regard Portering Services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	In line with local organisational portfolio for this area.			
SS9	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Patient transfer policy; 4. Infection control procedures and training.		
SS9	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;		
SS9	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers; 4. Risk assessments for injury from needles and exposure to harmful substances and bodily fluids		
SS9	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records 4. Training matrix available		
SS9	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	1. Outstanding	1. Outstanding	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Manual handling training		
SS9	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.		
SS9	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Evidence of patient involvement and feedback. 4. Patient Feedback considered and actioned		
SS9	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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P1	P1: With regards to ensuring engagement and involvement on estates and facilities services from people who use the services, public and staff can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 replicates the CQC Provider handbooks KLOE R4 and assesses your processes for patient involvement, compliments and complaints	1. Data Protection Act 1998 2. Freedom of Information Act 2000 3. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014: 4. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 5. CQC Provider Handbooks 6. NHS England Transforming Participation in Health and Care – September 2013 7. The Kings Fund Research Paper; Patient Engagement and Involvement 8. The Kings Fund Research Paper; The Quality of Patient Engagement and Involvement in Primary Care 2010 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/29/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf https://www.england.nhs.uk/2013/09/trans-part/ https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gp-inquiry/patient-engagement-involvement https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gp-inquiry/patient-engagement-involvement
P1	1. Views and Experiences Are people's views and experiences gathered and acted on to shape and improve the services and culture?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Review of the Patient Led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) results and implementation of the outcomes;	
P1	2. Engagement Are people who use services, those close to them and their representatives actively engaged and involved in decision making?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Engagement process and methodology 2. Friends and Family Test 3. Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)	
P1	3. Staff Engagement Do staff feel actively engaged so that their views are reflected in the planning and delivery of services and in shaping the culture?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements	
P1	4. Prioritisation Do leaders prioritise the participation and involvement of people who use services and staff?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Governance and process for dealing with feedback	
P1	5. Value Do both leaders and staff understand the value of staff raising concerns? Is appropriate action taken as a result of concerns raised?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Adherence to confidentiality policy 2. Feedback to stakeholders and patients	
P1	6: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0		

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P2	P2: With regard to ensuring patients, staff and visitors perceive the condition, appearance, maintenance and privacy and dignity of the estate is satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues on condition, appearance, maintenance and P&D. Safety aspects are dealt with in the safety domain.	1. NHS England: Delivering same sex accommodation guidance. Responsibility transferred to NHSE/I in 2017. The DHSC guidance was revised and published in 2019. 2. Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE). 3. Health Ombudsman 'Care and Compassion' report 4. National In-patient survey 5. Commission for dignity in Care for older people 'delivering dignity' report 6. Patient Association guidance and advice 7. Joint Committee on Human Rights 'The Human Rights of Older People in healthcare' 8. CQC Provider Handbooks https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/delivering-same-sex-accommodation/ https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/patient-led-assessments-care-environment-place/ https://www.ombudsman.org.uk/publications/care-and-compassion https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/surveys/surveys https://www.nhsconfed.org/resources/2012/06/delivering-dignity-securing-dignity-in-care-for-older-people-in-hospitals-and-care#:~:text=hospitals%20and%20care-Delivering%20Dignity%3A%20Securing%20dignity%20in%20care%20for,people%20in%20hospitals%20and%20care&text=Delivering%20Dignity%20is%20the%20final,underlying%20causes%20of%20poor%20care.https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt200607/jtselect/jtrights/156/156i.pdf https://www.patients-association.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/policy https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf
P2	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to the care environment (estate) and estates related privacy and dignity issues, for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services 7evelopments and improvements 8. Adherence to confidentiality policy 9. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 10. Complaints Procedure 11. Diversity considerations	
P2	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction with the estate and related privacy and dignity issues and is action taken on the results?	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Monthly reporting of breaches of mixed-sex accommodation guidance 6. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	
P2	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		
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P3	P3: With regard to ensuring that patients, staff and visitors perceive cleanliness of the estate and facilities to be satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues on cleanliness. Safety aspects of cleanliness are covered in the safety domain.	
P3	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to cleanliness for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	2. Good	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements 7. Adherence to confidentiality policy 8. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 9. Complaints Procedure 9. Diversity considerations	
P3	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the cleanliness and is action taken on the results?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	
P3	3. Cleaning Schedules Are Cleaning Schedules publicly available?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Reviews of policy stating where schedules are available compared with actual checking of availability.	
P3	4: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		1. Health and Social Care Information Centre: Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/patient-led-assessments-care-environment-place/
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0		

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P4	P4: with regard to ensuring that access and car parking arrangements meet the reasonable needs of patients, staff and visitors can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues with access and car parking. Safety SAQ SS7 covers car park management and access arrangements	1.. NHS patient visitor and staff car parking principles 2022 2. Health Technical Memorandum 07-03 (2006): NHS car parking management 3. Car Parking Code of Practice 4. Healthcare Travel Cost Scheme https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-patient-visitor-and-staff-car-parking-principles https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/Private Parking Code of Practice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-health-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs/
P4	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to access and car parking for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements 7. Adherence to confidentiality policy 8. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 9. Complaints Procedure 10. Diversity considerations	
P4	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	
P4	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0		
P5	P5: With regard to providing a high quality and supportive environment for patients, visitors and staff in relation to Grounds and Gardens can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues with access and car parking. Safety SAQ SS7 covers car park management and access arrangements	1. The Occupiers Liability Act 1957 (amended 1984) 2. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 3. The Management of health and safety at Work Regulations 1999 4. Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 5. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002 6. Personnel Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 7. Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulation 1999 approved code of practice 8. Workplace, Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 1992 approved code of practice and guidance 9. Work Equipment Provision and use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 10. First Aid at Work, Health and Safety Regulations 1981 11. Hand-Arm Vibration 12. Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 13. RIDDOR 2013 RIDDOR - Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 14. Working at Height Regulations 2005 15. BS ISO 15799:2003 Soil quality - guidance on eco-toxicological characterization of soils and soil materials 16. BS 3882:1994 Specification for topsoil 17. BS 6031:1981 Code of practice for earthworks 18. BS 7562-4:1992 Planning, design and installation of irrigation schemes guide to water resources 19. BS 4428:1989 guide of practice for general landscape operations (excluding hard surfaces) AMD 6784 20. BS 3882:1994 specification for topsoil and AMD 9938 21. BS 3936-1:1992 Nursery stock specification for trees and shrubs 22. BS 3936-5:1985 nursery stock specification for poplars and willows 23. BS 3936-10:1990 nursery stock specification for ground cover plants 24. BS 7370-3:1991 grounds maintenance recommendations for maintenance
P5	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE External areas assessment relating to Grounds and Gardens for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements 7. Adherence to confidentiality policy 8. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 9. Complaints Procedure 10. Diversity considerations 11. The local improvement plan is included within the Green Plan.	

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P5	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE External areas assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Monthly reporting of breaches of mixed-sex accommodation guidance 6. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	25. BS 3998:1989 recommendations for tree work and AMD 6549 Horticulture 26. BS EN 12579:2000 Soil improvers and growing media - sampling 27. BS EN 13037:2000 Soil improvers and growing media - determination of pH Turf 28. BS 3969:1998 Recommendations for turf for general purposes 39. BS 4428:1989 Code of practice for general landscape operations14 (excluding hard surfaces). 30. Horticultural Trades Association guidelines on plant handling and establishment 31. BS 1129 Specification for portable timber ladders, steps, trestles and lightweight stagings British Standards Institution 32. BS EN 131 Ladders (Specification for terms, types, functional sizes; Specification for requirements, testing, marking; User instructions; Single or multiple hinge-joint ladders) British Standards Institute https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/3 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1999/3242/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1998/2306/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2002/2677/regulation/7/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1992/2966/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1999/3242/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1992/3004/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1998/2306/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1981/917/regulation/3/made https://www.hse.gov.uk/vibration/hav/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/19/contents https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/735/contents/made https://www.iso.org/standard/29085.html https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000001382025#:~:text=BS%203882%3A1994%20spec,ifies%20requirements,in%20situ%20topsoil%20or%20subsoil. https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=00000000000078031 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=00000000000285806 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000198326 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000001382025 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000262241 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000151386 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000209042 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000238150 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000194564 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000006469 https://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com/projects/1992-06005/#/section https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000030260283 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000198326 https://hta.org.uk/ https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000001635045 https://landingpage.bsigroup.com/LandingPageSeries?UPI=BS%20EN%20131
P5	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		
P5	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0		

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P6	P6: How does your organisation/site ensure that NHS catering standards are provided effectively and efficiently?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues with Catering Services and also complying with Regulation 14. Safety aspects of food and catering are dealt with in the safety domain.	1. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 2. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 3. National Specifications for healthcare cleanliness 2007 4. PAS:5748 5. NHS Estates (2000) Reducing food Waste in the NHS Department of Health. Better Hospital Food 6. Hospital Catering Association – Protected Mealtimes 7. Council of Europe Resolution food and nutritional Care in hospitals NHS England – 10 Key Characteristics of Good Nutritional Care in Hospitals 2006 8. Food Service at Ward Level with Healthcare food and Beverage Service Standards – a guide to ward level services – 2008 9. Water for Health – Hydration Best Practice Toolkit for Hospitals and Healthcare 10. NHS Executive 'Hospital catering delivering a quality service.' 11. NHS Code of Practice for the manufacture, distribution and supply of food, ingredients and food related products. 12. Improving Nutritional Care – a joint action plan from the department of health and nutrition summit stakeholders 13. HCA Ward Service guide 14. British Diabetic Association Improving Outcomes through Food and Beverage Services Nutritional & Hydration digest *15. Sustainable procurement: the GBS for food and catering services Official Government Buying Standards (GBS) for food and catering services" 16. NHS Standards Contract 17. The NHS Hospital Food Review 2020 18. British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition - Malnutrition Screening Tool 19. Public Health England - Healthier and More Sustainable Catering Nutrition Principles 20. A Toolkit to Support the Development of a Hospital Food and Drink Strategy 21. CQC Provider Handbooks https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hospital-cleaning-revised-specification-published https://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/about-bsti/media-centre/press-releases/2014/december/Standard-for-providing-a-clean-and-safe-hospital-environment-is-revised/ Reducing waste in the NHS: an overview of the literature and challenges for the nursing profession - PubMed (nih.gov) http://www.hospitalcaterers.org/publications/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/nut-hyd/10-key-characteristics/ http://www.hospitalcaterers.org/publications/ https://www.choiceforum.org/docs/dohplan.pdf http://www.hospitalcaterers.org/publications/ https://www.bda.uk.com/uploads/assets/c24296fe-8b4d-4626-aeabb6cf2d92fcb/NutritionHydrationDigest.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-procurement-the-gbs-for-food-and-catering-services https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/929234/independent-review-of-nhs-hospital-food-report.pdf https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/523049/Hospital_Food_Panel_May_2016.pdf https://www.malnutritionselfscreening.org/self-screening.html https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/healthier-and-more-sustainable-catering-a-toolkit-for-serving-food-to-adults https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/499745/Toolkit_Feb_16.pdf https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf
P6	1. Policy & Procedures Does the organisation have in place a policy for healthcare catering which is aligned to current National Standards for Healthcare Catering which has been reviewed via an MDT process within the last 3 years?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 4. Adherence to confidentiality policy 5. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 6. Complaints Procedure 7. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 8. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements 9. Public/patient information e.g. handbooks, pre visit information	
P6	2. Regulation Does the organisation have a food and drink strategy as defined in the NHS Standard Contract	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Review of relevant Policies and Procedures. 2. Nutritional screening programme identifying patient at risk from malnutrition and dehydration	
P6	3. Choice The organisation provides a choice of nutritious and appetising food and hydration, in sufficient quantities to meet patients needs	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Review of relevant Policies and Procedures.	
P6	4. Equality issues Food and hydration meets any reasonable requirements arising from Equality issues e.g. from a patients religious or cultural background	2. Good	2. Good	1. Diversity considerations as set out in Policies and Procedures.	
P6	5. Information Patients have accessible information about meals and the arrangements for mealtimes, access to snacks and drinks throughout the day and night and to have mealtimes that are reasonably spaced and at appropriate times.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Patient, visitor and staff charter	
P6	6. Patient Led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to catering services for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Completed PLACE assessments reviewed and actioned; 2. PLACE training records	
P6	7. Other Assessments Is there a system/process in place, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients satisfaction with the service provided and is action taken on the results?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Engagement process and methodology 2. Surveys and questionnaires 3. Focus Groups 4. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements	
P6	8. Legal Standards Has the organisation complied with the estates related legally binding standards as detailed in the NHS Standard Contract	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Review of policies and procedures to ensure compliance.	
P6	9: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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P1	P1: With regards to ensuring engagement and involvement on estates and facilities services from people who use the services, public and staff can your organisation evidence the following?	
P1	1. Views and Experiences Are people's views and experiences gathered and acted on to shape and improve the services and culture?	
P1	2. Engagement Are people who use services, those close to them and their representatives actively engaged and involved in decision making?	
P1	3. Staff Engagement Do staff feel actively engaged so that their views are reflected in the planning and delivery of services and in shaping the culture?	
P1	4. Prioritisation Do leaders prioritise the participation and involvement of people who use services and staff?	
P1	5. Value Do both leaders and staff understand the value of staff raising concerns? Is appropriate action taken as a result of concerns raised?	
P1	6: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P2	P2: With regard to ensuring patients, staff and visitors perceive the condition, appearance, maintenance and privacy and dignity of the estate is satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	
P2	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to the care environment (estate) and estates related privacy and dignity issues, for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	
P2	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction with the estate and related privacy and dignity issues and is action taken on the results?	
P2	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P3	P3: With regard to ensuring that patients, staff and visitors perceive cleanliness of the estate and facilities to be satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	
P3	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to cleanliness for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	
P3	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the cleanliness and is action taken on the results?	
P3	3. Cleaning Schedules Are Cleaning Schedules publicly available?	
P3	4: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P4	P4: with regard to ensuring that access and car parking arrangements meet the reasonable needs of patients, staff and visitors can your organisation evidence the following?	
P4	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to access and car parking for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	
P4	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	
P4	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P5	P5: With regard to providing a high quality and supportive environment for patients, visitors and staff in relation to Grounds and Gardens can your organisation evidence the following?	
P5	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE External areas assessment relating to Grounds and Gardens for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	

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P5	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE External areas assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	
P5	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P6	P6: How does your organisation/site ensure that NHS catering standards are provided effectively and efficiently?	
P6	1. Policy & Procedures Does the organisation have in place a policy for healthcare catering which is aligned to current National Standards for Healthcare Catering which has been reviewed via an MDT process within the last 3 years?	
P6	2. Regulation Does the organisation have a food and drink strategy as defined in the NHS Standard Contract	
P6	3. Choice The organisation provides a choice of nutritious and appetising food and hydration, in sufficient quantities to meet patients needs	
P6	4. Equality issues Food and hydration meets any reasonable requirements arising from Equality issues e.g. from a patients religious or cultural background	
P6	5. Information Patients have accessible information about meals and the arrangements for mealtimes, access to snacks and drinks throughout the day and night and to have mealtimes that are reasonably spaced and at appropriate times.	
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P6	7. Other Assessments Is there a system/process in place, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients satisfaction with the service provided and is action taken on the results?	
P6	8. Legal Standards Has the organisation complied with the estates related legally binding standards as detailed in the NHS Standard Contract	
P6	9: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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F1	F1: With regard to having a well-managed approach to performance management of the estate and facilities operations can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	HBN 00-08 Part A Section 2	1. CQC Guidance For Providers KLOE 2. Health Building Note 00-08 3. Developing an Estate Strategy 4. Estates Return Information Collection 5. Patient Lead Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) 6. In patient Survey 7. NHS Premises Assurance Model Metrics Dashboard - RICS Real Estate 8. ISO 55000/01/02 Asset Management 2004 ISO 55000:2014 Asset management — Overview, principles and terminology" Assessment framework for healthcare services showing changes from 2015 (cqc.org.uk) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-efficient-management-of-healthcare-estates-and-facilities-health-building-note-00-08 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-an-estate-strategy https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/patient-led-assessments-care-environment-place/ https://nhssurveys.org/surveys/survey/02-adults-inpatients/ https://www.rics.org/uk/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/real-estate/ https://www.iso.org/standard/55088.html	
F1	1: Analysing Performance A process in place to analyse estates and facilities services and costs and if these continue to meet clinical and organisational needs?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
F1	2: Benchmarking A process in place to regularly benchmark estates and facilities costs?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Ongoing review of costs on a consistent basis that measures progress against established baseline position 2. Benchmarking including the use of metrics and KPIs from suitable sources including: - Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) - Contract/Service Level agreement KPIs - Estate Strategy KPIs - Energy and sustainability targets - Cost Improvement Plan targets - NHS Model Hospital		
F1	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. <u>Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future</u>		
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F2	F2: With regard to having a well-managed approach to improved efficiency in running estates and facilities services can the organisation evidence the following and is this in line with the ICS infrastructure strategy?	Applicable	Applicable	HBN 00-08 Part A Section 3	1. CQC Guidance For Providers KLOE 2. Health Building Note 00-08 - The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities Health Building Note 00-08 Part B: Supplementary information for Part A 3. Developing an Estate Strategy 4. Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) 5. NHS Premises Assurance Model Metrics 6. ISO 55000/01/02 Asset Management 2004 Assessment framework for healthcare services showing changes from 2015 (cqc.org.uk) https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes/ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-an-estate-strategy https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/model-hospital/ https://www.iso.org/standard/55088.html	
F2	1: Business Planning An effective and efficient estate and facilities business planning process in place?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Business plans.		
F2	2: Estate Optimisation An effective and efficient process in place to ensure estate optimisation and space utilisation?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Space utilisation studies and monitoring of usage. 2. Response to NHS Long Term Plan of reduction to 30% non clinical space.		
F2	3: Commercial Opportunities An effective and efficient process in place to identify and maximise benefits from commercial opportunities from land and property that support the main business of the NHS ?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Market testing and cost benchmarking of contracts. 2. Land and property sale receipts. 3. Commercial Strategy or agreements such as letting of space for retail use.		
F2	4: Partnership working An effective and efficient process in place to investigate and implement improvements through partnership working?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Partnership Working, i.e. One Public Estate		
F2	5: New Technology An effective and efficient process in place to maximise the benefits from new technologies?	2. Good	2. Good	1. New Technology and Innovation - examples of product design or system implementation 2. IT strategy.		
F2	6: PFI and LIFT contracts An effective and efficient process in place to achieve value for money from existing PFI and LIFT contracts?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Date and outcome of PFI/PPP reviews and next steps.		
F2	7: Other contracts An effective and efficient process in place to achieve value for money from existing other contracts?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Market testing and cost benchmarking of contracts.		
F2	8. Property An effective and efficient process in place to record and managing property interest and leases held	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Asset/Estate Terrier		
F2	9. Cost Improvement plans A robust methodology for identifying the delivery and implications of cost improvement plans	2. Good	2. Good	1. Regular and accurate submission of CIPs 2. Monitoring of progress of delivery		
F2	10. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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F3	F3: With regard to improved efficiencies in capital procurement, refurbishments and land management can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	HBN 00-08 Part A Section 4.0	1. Health Building Note 00-08, The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities Health Building Note 00-08 Part B: Supplementary information for Part A 2. NHS Model Health System 3. Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) 4. Building Cost information Service 5. Government Construction Strategy 6. ProCure22/ProCure23 guidance 7. Naylor Review: 8. Lord Carter Review: 9. NHS Long Term Plan: 10. NHS Net Zero Building Standard 11. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 1. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-efficient-management-of-healthcare-estates-and-facilities-health-building-note-00-08 2. https://model.nhs.uk/ 3. https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection 4. https://www.rics.org/uk/products/data-products/bcis-construction/ 5. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-construction-strategy 6. https://procure22.nhs.uk/ and https://procure22.nhs.uk/p23/ 7. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/naylor-review-government-response#:~:text=The%20Naylor%20review%20was%20a,response%20capitalises%20on%20those%20opportunities. 8. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/productivity-in-nhs-hospitals 9. https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/ 10. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-net-zero-building-standard/ 11. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117	
F3	1. Capital Procurement Capital procurement and refurbishment projects progressed in line with local standing orders and financial instructions and relevant procurement guidance, HM Treasury and DHSC and NHSE guidance.	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
F3	2. Capital project management Processes and procedures that ensure there are robust processes for the management of projects during construction including change control and lessons learnt/benefits realisation once projects are completed.	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Project governance documentation in line with capital management 2. Track how many projects are delivered on time or late and track that these were delivered within budget 3. Lessons learnt/benefits realisation and evidence of applying learning to subsequent projects		
F3	3.. Capital Procurement Efficiencies Capital procurement and refurbishment projects that actively seek efficiency such as through cost benchmarking, Building Information Modelling and repeatable designs?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Ongoing review of costs on a consistent basis that measures progress against established baseline position		
F3	4. Flexibility Capital procurement and refurbishment projects that actively seek flexible designs to accommodate changes in services?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Consideration of innovative design and building options e.g. "New for Old".		
F3	5. Identification and disposal of surplus land An effective and efficient process for the identification and disposal of surplus land?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Benchmarking including the use of metrics and KPIs from suitable sources 2. Surplus land identified in Annual Surplus Land Return, STP/ICS Estate Strategy, and EPIMS and shared through One Public Estate.		
F3	6.Net Zero Carbon Do the Capital Procurement Capital procurement and refurbishment projects include plans to meet national NHS net zero carbon targets?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Site Level Heat decarbonisation plans (targets in Delivering a Net Zero NHS report and heat decarbonisation requirement within Green Plan Guidance) 2. The organisation considers the NHS Net Zero Building Standard when undertaking construction and refurbishment projects (Please note - Building Standard is mandatory for certain projects)		
F3	7: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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F4	F4: With regard to having well-managed and robust financial controls, procedures and reporting relating to estates and facilities services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable			
F4	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	1. Health Building Note 00-08 - The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities 2. NHS Standing Financial Instructions -These Standing Financial Instructions detail the financial responsibilities, policies and procedures adopted by us. 3. Audit Commission Report 2004 - Achieving first-class financial management in the NHS 4. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 5. The Bribery Act 2010 - Guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk) 6. Leading the fight against NHS Fraud, organisational strategy 2017-2020 -Standards for NHS Providers 2020-21 Fraud, bribery and corruption January 2020 7. HFMA Finance training modules	
F4	2: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Internal Audits 2. Financial controls and scheme of delegation 3. Business Case procedure and Capital regime		
F4	3. Board reporting and contracting Is there comprehensive and regular reporting relating to estates and facilities services to the trust board highlighting performance, risks and issues. Are contracts in place for all estates and facilities services, documenting requirements with appropriate ability to terminate or manage poor performance and defined change control arrangements.	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Board reports 2. Do you have robust change control and review of costs 3. Contracts in place for all services with appropriate provisions for cost control and service incentivisation	https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/standing-financial-instructions/ http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/FinanceinNHS_Report.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/contents/made https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/832011/bribery-act-2010-guidance.pdf https://cfa.nhs.uk/resources/downloads/standards/NHS_Fraud_Standards_for_Providers_2020_v1.3.pdf https://www.hfma.org.uk/online-learning/bitesize-courses/detail/nhs-finance https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F	
F4	4: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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F5	F5: With regard to ensuring Estates and Facilities services are continuously improved and sustainability ensured can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ taken from CQC KLOE W5. Prompt 6 can be cross referred to SAQ F1 and Patient Experience SAQs		
F5	1. Quality and Sustainability When considering developments to estates and facilities services or efficiency changes (including derogations from standards and guidance), is the impact on quality and sustainability and net zero carbon targets assessed, understood and monitored, before, during and after the development?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Action from surveys and feedback. 4. Backlog Risk Assessment, impact assessment and mitigation and action plan.		
F5	2. Financial Pressure Are there examples of where financial pressures have negatively affected estates and facilities services?	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Estates Incidents impacting on clinical care- ERIC returns, & feedback to EFM Division to NHS England and NHS Improvement.		
F5	3. Continuous Improvement Do leaders and staff strive for continuous learning, improvement and innovation?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Risk Assessments and Registers 2. Derogations documented with clinical impact assessment and clinical sign-off. 3. Training and Development plans and records.		
F5	4. Quality Improvements Are staff focused on continually improving the quality of estates and facilities services?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Regular assessments of quality outputs e.g. PLACE scores; 2. Inclusion of quality assessments in Costed Action Plans.		
F5	5. Recognition Are improvements to quality and innovation recognised and rewarded?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Staff suggestion scheme. 2. Staff awards and recognition.		
F5	6. Use of Information Is information used proactively to improve estates and facilities services?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Use of design evaluation tools.		
F5	7: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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E1	E1: With regard to having a clear vision and a credible strategy to deliver good quality Estates and Facilities services can the organisation evidence the following and is this inline with the ICS infrastructure strategy?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ is taken from CQC KLOE W1 and covers the estates and other related strategies as described in HBN 00-08 Part B section 2. Prompt 3 can be linked to SAQ PE1. Operational management is covered in SAQ S01	1. Developing an Estate Strategy document 2. Health Building Note 00-08 The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities 3. Health building Note 00-08The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities (part A): Land and Property Appraisal 4. Strategic Health Asset Planning & Evaluation (SHAPE) tool 5. RICS UK Commercial Real Estate Agency Standards. 6. RICS Guidance Notes- Real Estate disposal and acquisition. 7. Assets in Action 8. Healthcare providers: asset register and disposal of asset 9. Strategy development: a toolkit for NHS providers 10. Developing strategy What every trust board member should know 11..Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS 12. NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report 13. Net Zero Guidance plan https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-an-estate-strategy https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes/ https://shapeatlas.net/ https://www.rics.org/uk/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/real-estate/ https://www.rics.org/globalassets/rics-website/media/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/real-estate/uk-commercial-real-estate-agency-1st-edition-rics.pdf https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/144216/Assets_in_Action.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/healthcare-providers-asset-register-and-disposal-of-assets https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-development-a-toolkit-for-nhs-providers https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffuture.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/a-net-zero-nhs/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/green-plan-guidance/
E1	1. Vision and Values A clear vision and a set of values, with quality and safety the top priority?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Estates Strategy and related documents;	
E1	2. Strategy A robust, realistic strategy for achieving the priorities and delivering good quality estates and facilities services?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documentary evidence relevant to the prompt questions e.g. document articulating the vision such as mission statement	
E1	3. Development The vision, values and strategy has been developed with staff and other stakeholders?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Regular discussions/meetings/exchanges with interested parties; 2. Integration of these discussions into Strategies and Visions/Values;	
E1	4. Vision and Values Understood Staff know and understand what the vision and values are?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Feedback from staff to quantify their understanding of visions, values and strategy e.g. staff survey results;	
E1	5. Strategy Understood Staff know and understand the strategy and their role in achieving it?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Feedback from staff to quantify their understanding of visions, values and strategy e.g. staff survey results;	
E1	6. Progress Progress against delivering the strategy is monitored and reviewed?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Staff, Patient and stakeholder engagement and feedback 2. Analysis of relevant complaints;	
E1	7: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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E2	E2: With regard to having a well-managed approach to town planning can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ measures compliance with HBN 00-08 Part B Section 3.0.	
E2	1. Local Planning An effective and efficient process to participate in Local Planning matters?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
E2	2. Neighbourhood Planning An effective and efficient process to participate in Neighbourhood planning matter?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Involvement in town planning issues. 2. Appropriate action when land and/or property is subject to compulsory purchase powers or potential or actual applications for registering as a town or village green	
E2	3. Planning Control An effective and efficient process to participate in planning control process?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Involvement in town planning issues 2. Trusts should be engaged with their ICBs regarding the local plan process. ICBs, alongside NHSE, are statutory consultees on local plans (but not planning applications). 3. Refer to ICS infrastructure strategy guidance the guidance includes reference to local area energy plans and local nature recovery strategies, which will support town planning.	
E2	4. Special Interests An effective and efficient process to manage special interests (e.g. conservation areas, listed buildings etc.) ?	2. Good	2. Good	1. The identification of all listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens, burial grounds and war memorials, and policies to deal with the specific requirements of these land and buildings 2. Preventing third parties gaining inappropriate rights over land and property 3. Management of easement agreements 4. Management of tenancy and other contractual arrangements 5. Where non-NHS facilities are used for NHS patients, that policies to ensure NHS standards regarding the built environment are adopted and implemented	
E2	5. Enforcement An effective and efficient process to deal with any enforcement procedures served on the organisation?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Has there been any enforcement actions from the Local Planning Authority in the year and, if so, whether these have been satisfactorily resolved	
E2	6: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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E3	E3: with regard to having a well-managed robust approach to management of land and property can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ measures compliance with HBN 00-08 Part B Section 4.0 to 8.0	1. Health Building Note 00-08 - The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities 2. Health Building Note 00-08: The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities - Part A Land and Property Appraisal 3. RICS UK Commercial Real Estate Agency Standards. 4. RICS Guidance Notes- Real Estate disposal and acquisition. 5. Assets in Action 6. Real estate management - 3rd edition, October 2016" 7. Healthcare providers: asset register and disposal of asset 8. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan
E3	1: Disposal of land and property An effective and efficient process for the disposal of freehold/leasehold land and property?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3 Evidence of a short and long term estate strategy supporting clinical, financial and investment objectives. 4. Evidence of optimising utilisation of accommodation across the estate, the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and Integrated Care Organisation footprint and with One Public Estate partners. 5. Evidence of masterplans for large sites which identify areas for retention, development and disposal 6. Involvement of District Valuer 7. Demonstration of re-investment of income. 8. Maintenance of an up-to-date and accurate property asset register 9. All statutory obligations to be identified and met 10. Preventing third parties gaining inappropriate rights over land and property 11. Management of easement agreements 12. Appropriate action when land and/or property is subject to compulsory purchase powers or potential or actual applications for registering as a town or village green 13. Where non-NHS facilities are used for NHS patients, that policies to ensure NHS standards regarding the built environment are adopted and implemented 14. The identification of all listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens, burial grounds and war memorials, and policies to deal with the specific requirements of these land and buildings	
E3	2: Granting of Leases An effective and efficient process for the granting of leases?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Management of leases, tenancy and other contractual arrangements	
E3	3: Acquisition of land and property An effective and efficient process for the acquisition of freehold/leasehold land and property?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3 Evidence of a short and long term estate strategy supporting clinical, financial and investment objectives. 4. Evidence of optimising utilisation of accommodation across the estate, the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and Integrated Care Organisation footprint and with One Public Estate partners. 5. Evidence of masterplans for large sites which identify areas for retention, development and disposal 6. Involvement of District Valuer 7. Maintenance of an up-to-date and accurate property asset register 8. All statutory obligations to be identified and met 9. Preventing third parties retaining inappropriate rights over land and property 10. Management of easement agreements 11. The identification of all listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens, burial grounds and war memorials, and policies to deal with the specific requirements of these land and buildings 12. Consideration of mandatory energy efficiency ratings.	
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E4	E4: With regard to having a suitable Sustainability approach in place and being actioned.	Applicable	Applicable		
E4	1: Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy Has your Green Plan been approved by Board and submitted to the ICS / ICB	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. The Green Plan / Sustainability Strategies published on the Trust's website and has been updated within the last 3 years 2. The organisation tracks its progress using the Green Plan Support Tool 3. The Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy names an executive lead for sustainability 4. The Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy states progress against carbon emission reduction targets in line with the 'Delivering a net zero NHS report' 5. Alignment with STP/ICS estates strategy; 6. Green Plan is published on the Trust's website & has been updated within the last 3 years 7. Green plan states progress against carbon emission reduction targets in line with national NHS net zero targets.	1. Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS 2. NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report 3. Net Zero Guidance plan 4. Net Zero Travel & Transport Strategy https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/net-zero-travel-and-transport-strategy/ 1. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/a-net-zero-nhs/ 3. https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/green-plan-guidance/ 4. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117
E4	2: Energy Is your energy usage, including heat, managed to fully deliver sustainability and effectiveness, and includes plans to meet national NHS net zero carbon targets?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. The organisation has evidence of TM44 Air Conditioning System Assessments 2. Organisations which qualify for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EUETS) have an EUETS assessor and can demonstrate relevant annual reporting systems 3. Organisations with Combined (Cooling) Heat and Power Plant (CHP/CCHP) have a CHP Quality Assurance (CHPQA) Certificate for Climate Change Levy (CCL) exemption for each unit installed 4. The organisation has a current energy efficiency policy 6. Evidence that utility bills are checked and validated before payment 7. The organisation has rolled out smart metering across the estate, or has a programme to roll out within the next 3 years 9. Monthly meter readings are taken and recorded, and automated readings validated physically 10. The organisation employs a dedicated (spends > 50% of their time working on energy management activities) energy manager / responsible person for energy 11. The Organisation is compliant to HTM 07-02; Making Energy work in Healthcare 12. The organisation has plans in place to implement the actions outlined in the Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Technical Annex. 13. Site Level Heat decarbonisation plans (targets in Delivering a Net Zero NHS report and heat decarbonisation requirement within Green Plan Guidance)	1. CIBSE TM44 : Inspection of Air Conditioning Systems 2. EU Emissions Trading System 3. Combined Heat and Power Quality Assurance Programme 4. Making energy work in healthcare (Health Technical Memorandum 07-02) 5. ISO 50001 Energy Management 6. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 7. NZCDP Technical annex 1. https://www.cibse.org/AirConditioning_1 2. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets_en 3. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/chpqa-guidance-notes 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ 5. https://www.iso.org/iso-50001-energy-management.html 6. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 7. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=151919557#
E4	3: Waste Are effective systems in place to minimise waste production and effectively dispose of it?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. The organisation has a current waste management and minimisation policy 2. The organisation's Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor (DGSA) has reported within the last 12 months 3. The organisation can evidence completion of Pre-acceptance Audits? 4. The Trust can demonstrate processes to fulfil their Duty of Care for waste 5. The organisation holds regular contract review meetings 6. The organisation can evidence record receipt and review of monthly progress reports 7. The organisation holds regular operational meetings 8. The organisation conducts monthly independent audits of the service 9. The organisation maintains statutory waste records (disposal notes, destruction certificates) and compliance audits 10. The organisation can evidence staff waste 11. The organisation employs a dedicated (spends > 50% of their time working on waste management activities) waste manager / responsible person for waste 12. The organisation is compliant with HTM 07-01; Safe Management of Healthcare Waste 13. The organisation is compliant with the Clinical Waste Strategy 14. The organisation is compliant with the 20:20:60 split of Alternative Treatment, Incineration (clinical waste) and Offensive Waste volume	1. HTM 07-01; Safe Management of Healthcare Waste 2. NHS Clinical Waste Strategy 1. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/management-and-disposal-of-healthcare-waste-htm-07-01/ 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-clinical-waste-strategy/

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E4	4: Air Pollution Does your Trust have policies and procedures in place to control air pollution and an overview of these procedures is included within the Green Plan?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1.The organisation has completed the Clean Air Hospitals Framework Tool 2.The organisation has a Clean Air policy including anti-idling 3.The organisation has an action plan for tackling air pollution from its buildings 4. The organisation has an action plan for tackling air pollution from its own vehicles and those that visit the organisation's site(s) 5.The organisation keeps an FGAS register 6.The organisation has a plan for migrating to Zero Emission Vehicles 7. The organisation has an action plan to meet air pollution targets in the Long Term Plan	1. Clean Air Hospital Framework 2. Fluorinated gas (F gas): guidance for users, producers and traders 3. NHS Long Term Plan https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/online-version/chapter-2-more-nhs-action-on-prevention-and-health-inequalities/air-pollution/ https://www.globalactionplan.org.uk/clean-air-hospital-framework/ https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fluorinated-gas-f-gas-guidance-for-users-producers-and-traders
E4	5.: Travel & Transport Can the organisation evidence an effective and efficient process to ensure staff commuting, patient & visitor travel, and the organisation's own fleet are sustainable and meet the relevant guidance?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. The organisation has a sustainable travel plan. 2. Zero emissions vehicles are integrated into procurement practices - in-line with Net Zero Travel & Transport strategy. 3. A staff travel survey is completed at least every 24 months. 4. The organisation has a parking policy covering staff, patient & visitor travel. 5. The organisation provides secure bike storage, changing facilities and good quality on and off-site walking and cycling routes. 6. The organisation considers sustainable transport, flexible working and route planning/optimisation in its business travel (or similar) policy. 7. The organisation reports to the Greener NHS Fleet Data Collection	1. Net Zero Travel & Transport Strategy https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/net-zero-travel-and-transport-strategy/ 2. Health Technical Memorandum 07-03 NHS Car parking management, environment and sustainability 3. Delivering a Net Zero NHS https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/publication/delivering-a-net-zero-national-health-service/ https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/EST0018-001-EV-Guide-for-Fleet-Manager-WEB.pdf https://www.r-e-a.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Updated-UK-EVSE-Procurement-Guide.pdf
E4	6.: Water Are water services efficiently and effectively delivered?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1.The organisation has a water efficiency policy 2.Monthly meter readings are taken and recorded, and automated readings validated physically 3. The organisation has plans in place to implement the actions outlined in the Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Technical Annex.	1. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 2. NZCDP Technical annex 1. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 2. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=151919557
E4	7.: Climate Change Adaptation Are risk assessments of the effects of climate change risk assessment and mitigation action implemented and include references to overheating, flooding and extreme weather events?	4. Requires moderate improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1.The organisation has a climate change adaptation risk assessment on the Trust risk register 2.The organisation reports on estate related events, such as extreme weather events including flooding, heatwave and cold winter events 3. The organisation has plans in place to implement the actions outlined in the Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Technical Annex.	1. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 2. HBN 00-07 Resilience planning for the healthcare estate 3. Flood Risk Toolkit 4. NHS Climate Change Risk Assessment tool 5. Health and climate adaptation report 2025 1. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/resilience-planning-for-nhs-facilities-hbn-00-07/ 3. https://tabanalytics.data.england.nhs.uk/#/views/FloodRiskToolkit/TitlePage?=&null&iid=3 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/climate-adaptation-resources/ 5. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/health-and-climate-adaptation-reports/
E4	8.: Procurement Is all relevant procurement consistent with NHS England's net zero and sustainable procurement policies?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1.The organisation takes account of the NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap and reports against compliance with this through the quarterly Greener NHS data collection. 2.The organisation considers the NHS Net Zero Building Standard when undertaking construction and refurbishment projects.	1. NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap 2. Greener NHS quarterly data collection 3. Applying net zero and social value in the procurement of NHS goods and services (building on PPN06/20) 4. Carbon reduction plan and net zero commitment requirements for the procurement of NHS goods, services and works (aligning to PPN06/21) 5. Evergreen Sustainable Supplier Assessment 6. NHS Net Zero Building Standard 1. https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/get-involved/suppliers/ 2. https://future.nhs.uk/sustainabilitynetwork/view?objectID=40822960 3. https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/publication/applying-net-zero-and-social-value-in-the-procurement-of-nhs-goods-and-services/ 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/carbon-reduction-plan-requirements-for-the-procurement-of-nhs-goods-services-and-works/ 5. https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/ 6. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-net-zero-building-standard/
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E1	2. Strategy A robust, realistic strategy for achieving the priorities and delivering good quality estates and facilities services?	
E1	3. Development The vision, values and strategy has been developed with staff and other stakeholders?	
E1	4. Vision and Values Understood Staff know and understand what the vision and values are?	
E1	5. Strategy Understood Staff know and understand the strategy and their role in achieving it?	
E1	6. Progress Progress against delivering the strategy is monitored and reviewed?	
E1	7: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Capital cost to achieve compliance Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	

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E2	E2: With regard to having a well-managed approach to town planning can the organisation evidence the following?	
E2	1. Local Planning An effective and efficient process to participate in Local Planning matters?	
E2	2. Neighbourhood Planning An effective and efficient process to participate in Neighbourhood planning matter?	
E2	3. Planning Control An effective and efficient process to participate in planning control process?	
E2	4. Special Interests An effective and efficient process to manage special interests (e.g. conservation areas, listed buildings etc.) ?	
E2	5. Enforcement An effective and efficient process to deal with any enforcement procedures served on the organisation?	
E2	6: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	
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E3	E3: with regard to having a well-managed robust approach to management of land and property can the organisation evidence the following?	
E3	1: Disposal of land and property An effective and efficient process for the disposal of freehold/leasehold land and property?	
E3	2: Granting of Leases An effective and efficient process for the granting of leases?	
E3	3: Acquisition of land and property An effective and efficient process for the acquisition of freehold/leasehold land and property?	
E3	4: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Capital cost to achieve compliance Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	

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E4	E4: With regard to having a suitable Sustainability approach in place and being actioned.	
E4	1: Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy Has your Green Plan been approved by Board and submitted to the ICS / ICB	
E4	2: Energy Is your energy usage, including heat, managed to fully deliver sustainability and effectiveness, and includes plans to meet national NHS net zero carbon targets?	
E4	3: Waste Are effective systems in place to minimise waste production and effectively dispose of it?	

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E4	4: Air Pollution Does your Trust have policies and procedures in place to control air pollution and an overview of these procedures is included within the Green Plan?	
E4	5.: Travel & Transport Can the organisation evidence an effective and efficient process to ensure staff commuting, patient & visitor travel, and the organisation's own fleet are sustainable and meet the relevant guidance?	
E4	6.: Water Are water services efficiently and effectively delivered?	
E4	7.: Climate Change Adaptation Are risk assessments of the effects of climate change risk assessment and mitigation action implemented and include references to overheating, flooding and extreme weather events?	
E4	8.: Procurement Is all relevant procurement consistent with NHS England's net zero and sustainable procurement policies?	
E4	9: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	
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G1	G1. With regard to ensuring the Estates and Facilities governance framework has clear responsibilities and that quality, performance and risks are understood and managed, can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ is taken from CQC KLOE W2.	1. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014: and CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 2. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 2. NHS Constitution and Handbook to the NHS Constitution 3. NHS Long Term Plan 4. Quality Governance in the NHS 5. Gov.uk - Quality governance in the NHS - A guide for provider boards 6. Monitor Code of Governance for Foundation Trusts 7. NHS TDA Delivering High Quality Care 8. NHS England » Green plan guidance 9. Monitor: Risk Assessment Framework for NHS Foundation Trusts 10. HSE five steps to risk assessment - INDG163 (rev 4) 06/11 11. Developing strategy What every trust board member should know 12. Modern Slavery Act 2015 13. Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supplements-to-the-nhs-constitution-for-england https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/quality-governance-in-the-nhs-a-guide-for-provider-boards https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-foundation-trusts-code-of-governance Foreword: https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/keogh-qual-ltr.pdfhttps://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.england.nhs.uk/long-read/green-plan-guidance/ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/risk-assessment-framework-raf https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/INDG163.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-development-a-guide-for-nhs-foundation-trust-boards https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/30/contents/enacted https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/3/enacted
G1	1. Framework There is an effective governance framework to support the delivery of the Estates and Facilities strategy and good quality services?	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
G1	2. Roles Staff are clear about their roles and understand what they are accountable for?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Governance Structure 2. Annual Plan/Programme Board 3. Structure chart 4. Committee terms of reference and minutes	
G1	3. Partners Working arrangements with partners and third party providers, e.g. PFI, are effectively managed?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Local sustainability and transformation partnership plans	
G1	4. Framework The governance framework and management systems are regularly reviewed and improved?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1.Estate Strategy 2 Standing Orders	
G1	5: Assurance There are comprehensive assurance system and service performance measures, which are reported and monitored, and action taken to improve performance	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Evidence of walkarounds 2. Signed-of processes and procedures documentation, including risk register. 3. Signed-off roles and responsibilities documentation.	
G1	6. Monitoring There are effective arrangements in place to ensure that the information used to monitor, report (including regional and national data collections) and manage quality and performance is accurate, valid, reliable, timely and relevant (including PFI and non PFI costs).	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Audit reports, peer and external reviews.	
G1	7. Audit There is a systematic programme of internal audit, which is used to monitor quality and systems to identify where action should be taken?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Surveillance Programme 2. Audit Programme	
G1	8. Mitigation There are robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Job descriptions and training records for risk management. 2. Corporate, current risk register in place, with an identifiable owner. 3. Signed-off risk management strategy by the Board	
G1	9. Alignment There is alignment between the recorded risks and what people say is 'on their worry list'?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Evidence risks are passed into corporate risk register and actions taken, do not simply disappear without action	
G1	10: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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G2	G2: With regard to ensuring the Estates and Facilities leadership and culture reflects the vision and values, encourages openness and transparency and promoting good quality estates and facilities services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ is taken from CQC KLOE W3.	1. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014: and CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 2. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 3. CQC Regulation 20: Duty of candour (FS) 4. NHS Long Term Plan 5. Conduct for NHS Managers 6. NHS Constitution and Handbook to the NHS Constitution 7. NHS complaints procedure in England SN / SP / 5401 24.01.14 "8. ISO 10002:2004 Quality management — Customer satisfaction — Guidelines for complaints handling in organizations" 9. NHS whistleblowing procedures in England SN06490 13.12.13 10. Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations-enforcement/regulation-20-duty-candour https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/ https://www.nhsemployers.org/~media/Employers/Documents/Recruit/Code_of_conduct_for_NHS_managers_2002.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/supplements-to-the-nhs-constitution-for-england https://www.iso.org/standard/35539.html https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/complaint/ https://www.iso.org/standard/35539.html https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/whistleblowing/ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-public-interest-disclosure-act
G2	1. Effectiveness Leaders have the skills, knowledge, experience and integrity that they need and have the capacity, capability, and experience to lead effectively – both when they are appointed and on an ongoing basis.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Job specification and competencies	
G2	2. Challenges Leaders understand the challenges to good quality estates and facilities services and can identify the actions needed to improve.	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	3. Visibility Leaders are visible and approachable.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Organograms and structure charts	
G2	4. Relationships Leaders encourage appreciative, supportive relationships among staff.	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	5. Respect Staff feel respected and valued.	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	6. Behaviours Action is taken to address behaviour and performance that is inconsistent with the vision and values, regardless of seniority.	2. Good	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Performance reviews 2. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	7. Culture Is the culture centred on the needs and experience of people who use services?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback 2.The organisation demonstrates that it undertakes a process to identify lessons from events and incidents, with a robust process for implementing the learning into new or amended organisational policy, procedure or ways of working	
G2	8. Honesty The culture encourages candour, openness and honesty.	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	9. Safety & Wellbeing There is a strong emphasis on promoting the safety, health and wellbeing of staff.	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Job specification and competencies	
G2	10. Healthier workplace Promoting a healthier NHS workplace through cutting access to unhealthy products on NHS premises, implementing food standards, and providing healthy options for night staff.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
G2	11. Collaboration Staff and teams work collaboratively, resolve conflict quickly and constructively and share responsibility to deliver good quality estates and facilities services.	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
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G3	2. In-house advisors Where Estates and Facilities related professional advice is provided in house mechanisms are in place to ensure the appointment of suitably qualified staff with the appropriate pre-employment checks?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented list of advisors 2. Transparent process to appoint suitable advisors 3. Suitable qualifications and experience of advisors	
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H1	Confirmation of Safe Helipad Operations The Trust must demonstrate that it has established processes to ensure the safe and efficient operation of its helipad in accordance with CAP 1264 guidance 1. Does your NHS organisation have a Hospital Helipad Landing Sites (HHLS)? If the answer is "No", then no further answers on this Domain are required. If the answer is "Yes" all the SAQ below must be answered.		Yes		https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/publications/documents/content/cap1264/
H1	2. How many primary HHLS does the trust have operating? (Primary HHLS are directly controlled by the NHS organisation).		1		
H1	3. How many secondary HHLS does the trust utilise? (Secondary HHLS are those not directly controlled by the NHS organisation, but used regularly.)		1		
H1	4. Who is the Accountable Manager (AM) for your HHLS? - Name		David May	Job Description and annual appraisal.	
H1	5. AM Email address		davidmay1@nhs.net		
H1	6. AM Telephone number		01482 468011		
H1	7. AM Job Title		Deputy Head of Facilities (Logistics)		
H1	8. Hospital Operations Manual (HOM) Do you have an up-to-date and approved HOM for all your sites? It is owned by the Accountable Manager (AM) and can be delegated to the HHLS Responsible Person (RP) where required and sets the standards, procedures and best practise of the Helipads Operation and Maintenance		Yes		CAP 1264 Chapter 1 HOM Template provided by NHS England.
H1	9. Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies for Helipad and Estates Is there an up-to-date Risk Assessment in place, undertaken by a competent person alongside the Responsible Person/Accountable Manager? HHLS Risk Assessment be carried out annually or sooner if a reportable incident or near miss occurs.		Yes	Risk assessment and related documentation.	CAP 1264 Chapter 3.
H1	10. Where Coast Guard Search and Rescue (SAR) landings take place on the HHLS. Have you provided a signed letter from your Chief Executive confirming responsibility for the safety of the site in the appropriate format?		no		NHS England
H1	11. Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning. Are the HHLS integrated into the Organisation's resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans both for the organisation itself and for the region?		Yes		
H1	12: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?		no		
H1	13. Collaboration Has the organisation in undertaking the risk assessment processes collaborated with helipad users, fire and rescue services re pre-determined site attendance and police with regard to safety & security (in particular terrorism threat) and staff members whose role includes receiving patients from/transferring a patient to, a helicopter.		Yes		
H1	14. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.		no	Detailed Action Plans: Outlining investments needed for compliance with the NHS Premises Assurance Model (PAM), including specific steps, timelines, and responsible parties. Financial Documentation and Risk Assessments: Detailed cost estimates and risk assessments for areas needing improvement. Board and Committee Escalation Evidence: Documentation showing board-level awareness and action plan discussions. Budget Inclusion Proof and Prior Investment. Assessment: Evidence of budgetary allocation for actions and analysis of the impact of previous investments. Compliance Tracking and Stakeholder Communication: Systems for monitoring action plan progress and evidence of stakeholder engagement. Legal and Regulatory Compliance Documents: References to documents guiding NHS helipad operations and safety standards.	

H1	Capital cost to achieve desired improvements/outcomes		no	Capital Cost Analysis and Legislative Alignment. Legal and Regulatory Compliance Documents: References to documents guiding NHS helipad operations and safety standards. Post-Implementation Review Plan: Outline for evaluating helipad performance and impact after implementation. Revenue Implications of NHS Helipad Improvements Cost-Benefit Analysis and Comparative Case Studies: Financial analysis of improvements and case studies from similar healthcare facilities. Regulatory Compliance and Projected Revenue Impact Reports: Documentation on compliance with laws and projected revenue changes. Stakeholder Feedback and Performance Metrics: Input from various stakeholders and clear metrics for evaluating improvement outcomes. Risk Analysis and Sustainability Assessments: Financial risk identification and assessments of long term sustainability.	
H1	Revenue consequences of achieving desired improvements/outcomes		no		

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H1	H1. Confirmation of Safe Helipad Operations and Evidencing Planning and Implementation Practices: Can the organisation confirm they have processes in place to safely maintain the operation of their helipad? The Trust must demonstrate that it has established processes to ensure the safe and efficient operation of its helipad. This includes evidencing the planning and implementation of the helipad, with clearly defined responsibilities about quality, performance, and risk management. The organisation should also be able to evidence the planning and implementation of a helipad with clear responsibilities for quality, performance and risks, can the organisation evidence the following?	Not applicable	Not applicable	•Documented Safety Protocols and Procedures These documents should detail safety protocols for helipad operations, including emergency procedures, maintenance schedules, and guidelines for safe landings and take-offs. •Maintenance Records Regular helipad maintenance is essential. Logs and records must show consistent inspections and upkeep to required standards. •Training Records of Personnel Ensure all helipad personnel, ground staff, and emergency teams, are trained and qualified. Training records must confirm staff adherence to current safety practices and procedures. •Risk Assessment Documentation Evidence must show regular risk assessments for helipad operations, identifying and mitigating potential hazards. •Quality and Performance Monitoring Records Documentation should demonstrate the monitoring and evaluation of helipad operations, including incident logs, response times, and corrective actions taken. •Certifications and Compliance Reports Any relevant certifications or compliance reports that show the helipad meets national and international safety standards. •Operational Guidelines and Manuals Comprehensive operational manuals outlining procedures and responsibilities for safe helipad operation. •Emergency Response Plans Documentation of emergency response plans, including coordination with local emergency services and contingency plans for various emergency scenarios. •Feedback and Incident Reports Records of user feedback and incident reports for the helipad, including follow-up actions taken. •Insurance and Liability Documents Proof of appropriate insurance coverage and liability protections related to helipad operations. CAA training should be undertaken Hospital Helipad – Aviation Awareness Training Course by the UK CAA (caainternational.com)	
H1	1. Compliance Assessment and Policy Review: Adherence to CAP1264 and Downwash Helipad Considerations in the Trust: Policy, Procedures and Compliance: Is the organisation compliant and does the organisation have a current, approved policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with CAP1264? The Trust should have a responsible person able to demonstrate and a documented evidence/policy in relation to Downwash helipad factors and considerations within the Trust.	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	CAP1264 Compliance and Operations: The Trust must have documentation proving its helipad design and operations comply with CAP1264 standards. This includes assessing the helipad's layout, safety features, and protocols. Approved Helipad Policy: A regularly reviewed helipad policy, in line with CAP1264 guidelines, should be established. It should encompass emergency procedures, maintenance, and staff training. Documented Evidence/Policy for Downwash Considerations: Downwash Factors Records and analyses are needed to manage helicopter downwash, a key safety concern in helipad design and operations, in accordance with CAP1264. Responsibility and Documentation Appoint a responsible person or team knowledgeable in CAP1264 to oversee helipad operations. Their role includes managing documentation related to downwash, including risk assessments, mitigation strategies, and staff training. Regular Audits and Reviews Conduct frequent audits to ensure the Trust's helipad policies and procedures remain compliant with CAP1264. These should review downwash management and adapt to changes in helicopter technology or operational practices.	

H1	2. Roles and Responsibilities Ensuring Qualified Personnel and Clear Governance Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, trained, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood? When developing the policy and procedures have you consulted with internal and external stakeholders? The Trust should have a responsible person and a documented evidence/policy in relation to general helipad factors and considerations within the Trust.	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	Governance Structure Documentation This should outline the overarching framework within which helipad operations are conducted. It includes details on decision making processes, accountability and how different roles within the organisation contribute to helipad management. Organisational Structure Chart This chart should visually represent the hierarchy and reporting lines relevant to helipad operations. It clarifies who is responsible for what, ensuring that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and understood. Post Profiles and Training Records Detailed job descriptions for each role involved in helipad operations, along with records of individual training, are crucial. These profiles should include specific qualifications, competencies, and experience required for each position. Training records prove that staff members have been adequately trained for their roles. Evidence of Training and Development Documentation should be provided to show that all staff involved in helipad operations have received proper training. This includes training that meets safety, technical, and quality requirements. Evidence may include certificates, course completion records, and ongoing professional development logs. Specific Training Certifications For instance, the CAA training for Hospital Helipad - Aviation Awareness. This specialised training, offered by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), ensures that staff is aware of aviation-specific considerations and safety practices related to helipad operations. To ensure comprehensive compliance, the Trust should have a designated responsible person who can present and manage these documents. This individual should be well-versed in the operational aspects of the helipad and the regulatory environment. They should also be capable of liaising with both internal and external stakeholders to ensure that all policies and procedures are up-to-date, effective, and widely understood. Regular consultations with stakeholders, including emergency services, aviation experts, and hospital staff, are vital for maintaining a safe and efficient helipad operation.
H1	3. Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies for Helipad and Estates In relation to this, has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Documented Risk Assessment Report This should include a comprehensive risk assessment of the helipad and surrounding estate. The report should detail identified risks, the likelihood of occurrence, potential impact, and the scoring methodology used to prioritise risks. Mitigation Strategies and Implementation Evidence Documentation should be provided showing the specific risk mitigation strategies that have been applied. This could include engineering controls, procedural changes, training programs, or any other relevant measures. Evidence of implementation might include records of changes made, training completed, or equipment installed. Regular Review and Update Records Compliance requires not just a one-time assessment but ongoing monitoring and reassessment of risks. Documentation should show how often the risk assessment is reviewed and updated and how new risks or changes in the environment are incorporated. Alignment with Civil Aviation Authority Standards Evidence should be presented that the organisation's risk assessment and mitigation strategies are in line with the Civil Aviation Authority's Standards for helicopter landing areas at hospitals, as detailed in CAP 1264. This might include a comparative analysis or a compliance checklist. Audit and Inspection Reports Regular audits or inspections of the helipad and related facilities can provide evidence of compliance. These reports should detail the findings of the audits, any non-compliances identified, and how these were addressed. Incident and Accident Records Records of any incidents or accidents related to the helipad should be maintained. This includes how these incidents were investigated and what measures were taken to prevent recurrence. Stakeholder Consultation Records Documentation of consultations with stakeholders, including hospital staff, emergency services, and aviation experts, can provide evidence of a thorough and inclusive risk assessment process. Training Record Evidence of training provided to relevant staff in helipad operations and safety can demonstrate commitment to risk mitigation. Emergency Response Plan A documented emergency response plan specific to helipad operations should be available, detailing procedures for various potential emergencies.
	4. Risk assessment - Regulatory Differences between Ground-Based and Elevated Helipads When conducting fire risk assessments and ensuring compliance with relevant guidelines for NHS helipads, please confirm the Trust understands the distinct regulatory considerations for ground-based and elevated helipads.		3. Inadequate	Ground-Based Helipads Accessibility: Ground-based helipads typically offer easier access to emergency services and fire-fighting equipment. This accessibility needs to be factored into the risk assessment and mitigation strategies. Surrounding Environment The assessment must consider the immediate environment around the helipad, including the types of surfaces (grass, concrete, etc.) and nearby structures or natural features that might influence fire risk. Elevated Helipads (such as on rooftops) Structural Integrity Elevated helipads require careful assessment of the building's structural integrity to support the helipad's weight, especially during fire emergencies. Evacuation Routes Special attention must be given to evacuation routes and emergency access, as elevated helipads may present more challenges in these areas compared to ground-based helipads. Wind and Weather Conditions Elevated helipads are more exposed to wind and other weather elements, which can impact fire behaviour. This must be considered in the fire risk assessment. Fire Suppression System Due to their location, elevated helipads may require specialised fire suppression systems that are effective at higher elevations and in potentially limited spaces. In both cases, the NHS Trust should ensure compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority's standards (CAP 1264) and incorporate specific guidelines for each type of helipad into their overall fire risk management strategy. Regular training, emergency drills, and clear documentation are crucial components of this strategy, regardless of the helipad type.

Possible updates to follow 2023/24

H1	5. NHS Helipad Fire Risk Assessment and Compliance Guidelines Has there been a specific fire risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed? Has this assessment taken into account the helipad and the potential healthcare buildings in its curtilage In addition the Trust should have a responsible person and a documented evidence/policy in relation to Fire risk regarding helipad factors and considerations within the Trust.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Specific Fire Risk Assessment for the Helipad Area The NHS Trust should conduct a thorough fire risk assessment specifically for the helipad area. This assessment should consider all potential fire hazards associated with helicopter operations, including fuel, electrical systems, and potential ignition sources. The assessment should also consider the unique characteristics of the helipad, such as its location, size, and proximity to healthcare buildings and other infrastructure. Regular Review and Update of the Fire Risk Assessment The fire risk assessment should not be a one-time activity. It needs to be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any changes in the operating environment, new helicopter models, or changes in surrounding infrastructure. Regular reviews ensure that any new risks are identified and mitigated promptly. Risk Mitigation Strategies Based on the findings of the fire risk assessment, the Trust should implement appropriate risk mitigation strategies. These might include fire suppression systems, emergency response plans, and safety protocols for fuel handling and storage. The effectiveness of these mitigation strategies should be regularly tested and evaluated. Documentation and Policy The Trust should maintain comprehensive documentation of the fire risk assessment process, including the findings, decisions made, and actions taken. This documentation serves as evidence of compliance with relevant guidelines and legislation. There should also be a clear policy outlining the responsibilities and procedures related to fire risk management at the helipad. Responsibility and Training The Trust should designate a responsible person or team to oversee fire safety at the helipad. This individual or team should have the necessary training and expertise in fire risk management and helicopter operations. Regular training and drills should be conducted for all staff involved in helipad operations to ensure they are aware of fire risks and know how to respond in an emergency. Compliance with Civil Aviation Authority Standards The Trust's risk assessment and mitigation strategies should take into account the relevant sections of the Civil Aviation Authority's Standards for helicopter landing areas at hospitals, outlined in CAP 1264. This includes ensuring that the design, operation, and maintenance of the helipad meet the safety standards set by the Civil Aviation Authority.	
H1	6. Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff in relation to helipad and the estate.	Not applicable	2. Good	Business Continuity Audit Reports for Helipads: These reports analyse an organization's capacity to maintain operations amidst major disruptions like natural disasters or cyber attacks, with a focus on helipad operations and continuity measures. Trust's Incident Response Plan for Helipads: A detailed plan outlining response procedures for incidents impacting the helipad, including emergency medical situations and natural disasters. Committee/Group Terms of Reference: Document detailing the responsibilities of the committee overseeing the helipad's emergency and business continuity plans, including test frequency, scope, and review processes. Corporate Risk Register for Helipad Operations: A comprehensive list of risks related to helipad operations, detailing the nature, likelihood, impact, and mitigation measures for each risk, regularly updated and maintained by an assigned owner. Board-Approved Risk Management Strategy: A strategy document outlining the approach to managing helipad risks, aligning with the organization's broader risk management policies, and subject to periodic review. Board-Signed Incident Response and Business Continuity Plans: Documents detailing emergency response and continuity strategies for the helipad, indicating organizational commitment to preparedness and safety. Stakeholder Collaboration in Risk Assessment and Meeting Records: Documentation evidencing collaboration with stakeholders, including helipad users, emergency services, and staff, in risk assessment processes, and minutes from meetings discussing safety, security, and operational procedures. Compliance Tracking and Stakeholder Communication: Systems for monitoring action plan progress and evidence of stakeholder engagement.	
H1	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Receiving, checking and authorising invoices for payment for additional services; 4. Monitoring Contractors' approach to rectifying defects; 5. Problem solving and dispute (prevention and) resolution where issues exist. 6. Establish and maintain appropriate records and information management systems to record and manage the performance of the Sub-Contractors; 7. The organisation demonstrates that it undertakes a process to identify lessons from events and incidents, with a robust process for implementing the learning into new or amended organisational policy, procedure or ways of working' 8. The ability to report on the regulatory requirements regarding safer wards (ligature). 9. Demonstrate clear ability to report on never events relating to estates and facilities items (window restrictors/non collapsible rails/surface temperature) particularly when in relation to Mental health facilities and A&E wards.	
H1	8. Collaboration Has the organisation in undertaking the risk assessment processes collaborated with helipad users, fire and rescue services re pre-determined site attendance and police with regard to safety & security (in particular terrorism threat) and staff members whose role includes receiving patients from/transferring a patient to, a helicopter	Not applicable	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Working with relevant organisations to ensure best practice is followed. 2. Consider external sites being used	
H1	9. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	Detailed Action Plans: Outlining investments needed for compliance with the NHS Premises Assurance Model (PAM), including specific steps, timelines, and responsible parties. Financial Documentation and Risk Assessments: Detailed cost estimates and risk assessments for areas needing improvement. Board and Committee Escalation Evidence: Documentation showing board-level awareness and action plan discussions. Budget Inclusion Proof and Prior Investment Assessment: Evidence of budgetary allocation for actions and analysis of the impact of previous investments. Compliance Tracking and Stakeholder Communication: Systems for monitoring action plan progress and evidence of stakeholder engagement. Legal and Regulatory Compliance Documents: References to documents guiding NHS helipad operations and safety standards.	
H1	Capital cost to achieve desired improvements/outcomes	£0	£0	Capital Cost Analysis and Legislative Alignment Detailed Cost-Benefit Analysis: Breakdown of costs and benefits of helipad improvements, including patient care and operational efficiency. Post-Implementation Review Plan: Outline for evaluating helipad performance and impact after implementation. Revenue Implications of NHS Helipad Improvements	

Ref.	Revenue consequences of achieving desired improvements/outcomes	£0	£0	Cost-Benefit Analysis and Comparative Case Studies: Financial analysis of improvements and case studies from similar healthcare facilities. Regulatory Compliance and Projected Revenue Impact Reports: Documentation on compliance with laws and projected revenue changes. Stakeholder Feedback and Performance Metrics: Input from various stakeholders and clear metrics for evaluating improvement outcomes. Risk Analysis and Sustainability Assessments: Financial risk identification and assessments of long term sustainability.	
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Facilities Management (FM) Maturity

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Integrated	Integrated Leadership		Scoring	1	2	3+			
		Q1 How integrated is facilities management - Soft Services?	3+	Soft services is devolved around the organisation without a central "controlling mind".	A central team exists that manage a range of core buildings directly but are not fully integrated	Soft services is integrated with a clear centre of expertise with delivery coordinated centrally			
			Scoring	1	2	3+			
		Q2. How integrated is facilities management - Hard Services?	3+	Hard services is devolved around the organisation without a central "controlling mind".	A central team exists that manage a range of core buildings directly but are not fully integrated	Hard services is integrated with a clear centre of expertise with delivery coordinated centrally			
			Scoring	1	2	3+			
		Q3. How integrated is Property Leadership?	3+	FM works in a silo, reactive to demand with little engagement with wider property leadership	FM links in some what with construction, design and asset management teams, but gaps remain.	leadership across the wider property function is integrated and aligned. Total cost of ownership is considered and understood across all aspects of asset lifecycle.			
	CAFM		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5	
		Q4. How integrated are your FM Management IT Systems?	3	No CAFM, basic spreadsheets or similar used to monitor and manage FM.	Several systems in use, e.g. asset management system, CAFM, finance system, supplier system. Limited or no integration. Multiple versions of the truth.	A combination of systems are used between departments and suppliers, but a recognised master system is in place, showing one version of the truth.	An integrated CAFM is in use holding all but financial data, which is held in corporate finance system.	Organisation has a single, integrated CAFM system holding a single version of the truth, with other key systems feeding into a master system.	
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5	
		Collaborative	Partnership & Transparency	Q5 - How closely does FM management work with the FM delivery organisation(s)?	3	Minimal, adversarial relationship	Weekly or monthly meet	Regular, joint meetings held taking both a backwards look at performance and a forward look at opportunity for improvement and upcoming changes	Genuine partnership, both sides work in an open and honest way to improve service delivery, built on trust. Very little discussion on poor performance or penalties.
				Scoring	1	2	3+		
Q6 - How strategic and effective are supplier relationships?	3+			Supplier relationships are transactional only.	A supplier relationship model (SRM) is in place (See CCS)	Open and honest conversations about what can be done both sides to improve outcomes. Service plans are jointly developed with each party inputting to one another. Topics such as profit, overheads, investment and supplier sustainability are openly discussed. An effective SRM model is in place.			
	Scoring			1	2	3+			
Q7 - How transparent is FM delivery between the management organisation and delivery organisation?	3+			No transparency regarding performance or cost.	Data held by supplier but	Organisation has real time access to key data in a transparent and open way and is regularly audited.			
	Scoring			1	2	3+			
Q8 - Does the FM team collaborate outside of the management organisation?	3+			Little engagement with wider government departments, occasional attendance at events or key meetings.	Actively involved in cross	In addition to formal cross gov groups, work closely with equals and leadership in other government departments to share best practice and go develop solutions, driving continuous improvement and innovation.			
		Scoring	1	2	3	4+			

Delivery Excellence	Compliance	Q9 - How effective is your hard compliance management approach?	3	Limited compliance monitoring. Majority of compliance sits supplier side with little departmental oversight. Different approaches used in different buildings or parts of the organisation. No agreed, defined specification or policy.	Most compliance activity is done supplier side and suppliers retain key info. Key risk items are held by department for oversight. Compliance data is regularly validated.	Able to evidence compliance on high risk items (Asbestos, Water, Fixed Wiring, Fire, Gas, Lifts). Wider compliance held client side but regularly validated with robust QA.	Able to prove compliance. Compliance reporting and monitoring is done in a regular basis, data is complete. Governance in place to ensure continued compliance and spot potential risks. Department has full visibility of compliance data and is validated through robust QA.	
			Scoring	1	2	3	4+	5
		Q10 - How effective is your soft compliance management approach?	3	Limited compliance monitoring. Majority of compliance sits supplier side with little departmental oversight. Different approaches used in different buildings or parts of the organisation. No agreed, defined specification or policy.	Most compliance activity is done supplier side and suppliers retain key info. Key risk items are held by department for oversight. Compliance data is regularly validated.	Able to evidence compliance on high risk items (security, risk assessments, data). Wider compliance held client side but regularly validated with robust QA.	Able to prove compliance. Compliance reporting and monitoring is done in a regular basis, data is complete. Governance in place to ensure continued compliance and spot potential risks. Department has full visibility of compliance data and is validated through robust QA.	
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
	Standards and Best Practice	Q11 - How well standardised is FM management in line with industry best practice? (E.g. ISO)	3+	No use or monitoring of standards and industry best practice. No feedback mechanism in place for service users, demand organisation or service provider to gauge user satisfaction. Outdated or inflexible specifications used, requiring complex and slow change control.	Use of some industry standards, but less maturity on other aspects	Full awareness of standards and industry best practice. Strong understanding of how to meet standards within scope of service agreement. Incentivisation and robust monitoring in place to ensure standards are met.		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q12 - How well standardised is FM delivery in line with industry best practice? (E.g. SFG20, CCS)	3+	No use or monitoring of standards and industry best practice. No feedback mechanism in place for service users, demand organisation or service provider to gauge user satisfaction. Outdated or inflexible specifications used, requiring complex and slow change control.	Use of some industry standards, such as SFG20 but less maturity on other aspects.	Full awareness of standards and industry best practice. Strong understanding of how to meet standards within scope of service agreement. Incentivisation and robust monitoring in place to ensure standards are met.		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
	Defined Roles	Q13 - How well defined are FM roles and responsibilities within Hard Services?	3+	Duplication of services or gaps through unclear supplier responsibilities. Siloed, focused on single function etc. Poorly trained staff (undertaking tasks outside of their service scope).	Suppliers work in clearly defined roles, understand their responsibilities. Well trained staff, multi-skilled staff understand their scope and deliver to high standard. Quality monitoring in place, monitoring of performance metrics.	Clearly defined roles and responsibilities. KPI's used to track performance. Customer feedback captured. "business as usual" to drive continuous improvement in service delivery.		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q14 - How well defined are FM roles and responsibilities within Soft Services?	3+	Duplication of services or gaps through unclear supplier responsibilities. Siloed, focused on single function etc. Poorly trained staff (undertaking tasks outside of their service scope).	Suppliers work in clearly defined roles, understand their responsibilities. Well trained staff, multi-skilled staff understand their scope and deliver to high standard. Quality monitoring in place, monitoring of performance metrics.	Clearly defined roles and responsibilities. KPI's used to track performance. Customer feedback captured. "business as usual" to drive continuous improvement in service delivery.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4+	
	Enabling	Q15 - How flexible is FM to changing business needs?	3	FM works on fixed price	Part fixed, part variable	Work in partnership with suppliers to continually improve support for changing business objectives.	Supplier is engaged in the organisations service and strategy planning and understands their role. They work in partnership to proactively deliver change.	
			Scoring	1	2	3	4+	

Strategic	FM Strategy	Q16 -How strategic is FM?	3	No FM strategy or service plan. FM is delivered in a reactive way.	Basic FM strategy and ser	FM Strategy in place, con	Long-term vision of what good FM looks like and how to get there. Consideration for external impact (e.g. sustainability) fully embedded into delivery model with robust monitoring and reporting in place. Horizon scanning undertaken including strategic risk management. Strategy fully aligned with aims and values of department/	
	Governance	Q17 -Do you have effective FM governance in place?	3	No management/minimal management. Risk poorly allocated.	Following recognised governance, for example RICS Public sector asset management guide or functional standard on governance.	Clear, best in class and effective governance arrangements in place. Understood by organisation with clear roles and responsibilities.		
Intelligent	Intelligent Client		Scoring	1		3	4+	
		Q18 -Do you have a clear definition and recognised Intelligent client function?	3	The ICF is dispersed without a clear, recognised function.		A recognised intelligent client function is in place, with defined roles and responsibilities, recognised by the wider organisation and has the capabilities and capacity required to be effective.	A highly effective ICF is in place with it's value recognised at an organisational level.	
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
	Control Levers	Q19 - Is an effective client department in place?	3+	No recognisable client department, a number of individuals within the organisation may be responsible for various aspects	An identifiable client department is in place, acting as a conduit between the wider organisation and the delivery organisations to maximise value.	A strong and effective client department is in place, with centralised oversight of all aspects of FM.		
				1	2	3+		
		Q20 -How well do you understand the levers to improve performance?	3+	A basic understanding of levers available in the contract, primarily performance failure driven	A good understanding of commercial, financial and quality control levers and their impact of performance	Regular, demonstrable use of all types of control levers to drive continuous improvement		
	Management structure		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q21 - Is there sufficient management, capability and capacity to be effective? Are roles clear?	3+	Unclear roles and responsibilities, disjointed management with FM and property spread over multiple departments, devolved FM model - no "corporate landlord".	A defined, central FM team undertaking most FM duties, but with some aspects still devolved.	Clearly defined roles and responsibilities, appropriate capacity and capability to effectively discharge duties in a timely manner. Centralised "Centre of expertise" and an effective corporate landlord in place.		
	Forward Planning		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q22 - How proactive is FM service delivery in your organisation?	3+	Reactive works only, failure driven.	Short term planning - next financial year only.	Accurate condition data driving an FMR based on risk and asset criticality, long term view and whole life costing.		

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		Scoring		1	2	3+		
Data Structure	Hierarchy	Q1 - What level of location hierarchy is asset data captured against?	3+	Asset level data is captured against the site and building it is in.	Asset level data is captured against the site, building, floor and location it is in.	Asset level data is captured against the site, building, floor, location and system it is in.		
	Data Specification		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q2 - Is there a consistent data specification aligned to the FM asset data standards (4.2)?	3	No defined data specification for FM asset data.	Defined data specification for FM asset data is not aligned to the data standard (4.2.1).	Defined data specification for FM asset data is consistently aligned to the data standard (4.2.1).	Defined data specification for FM asset data is consistently aligned to the data standard for 'core' (4.2.1) and inconsistently aligned to 'non-core' fields (4.2.2).	Defined data specification for FM asset data is consistently aligned to the data standard for 'core' (4.2.1) and 'non-core' fields (4.2.2).
		Q3 - How consistently is the data specification applied across the estate?	3+	No defined data specification for FM asset data.	The data specification is inconsistently applied across the estate.	The data specification is consistently applied across the estate.		
	Coverage and Completeness		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q4 - What is the level of coverage of assets in the asset register data?	3+	The asset data covers some assets in some estates.	The asset data covers all assets in some estates but only some assets in other estates.	The asset data covers all assets in all estates.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q5 - How complete is the data captured against assets in the asset register?	3	Data is not captured against assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1).	Data is captured against some assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1).	Data is captured against all assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1).	Data is captured against all assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1) and some assets for the 'non-core fields' in the data standard (4.2.2).	Data is captured against all assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1) and all assets for the 'non-core fields' in the data standard (4.2.2).
	Audit		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q6 - Is a full asset verification exercise required to update the asset register (5.1)?	3+	Data is out of date or incomplete and requires a full asset verification exercise.	Data is out of date or incomplete for parts of the estate and requires a targeted asset verification exercise.	Data is up to date and complete. An asset verification exercise is not currently required.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q7 - What regular sample surveys exist for on-going asset verification (5.2)?	3	No / limited sample surveys.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc sample surveys for some of the estates.	Consistent and regular sample surveys for all estates. There is a defined methodology to logically work through the all estates over time.	Sample surveys with verifications utilising digital enablers to increase the speed and coverage of surveys in some parts of the estate.	Sample surveys with verifications utilising digital enablers to increase the speed and coverage of surveys in all estates.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q8 - What processes are in place for change control/approvals for adding, removing or changing an asset (5.3)?	3	No / limited processes in place.	Inconsistent processes exist covering some parts of the estate.	Consistent processes exist covering all estates with clear responsibilities for approvals and tracking of changes.	Partially automated processes with frequent updates to change log.	Automated processes across all estates with close to real-time updates to change log.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5

Data Assurance & Quality	Data Quality Control	Q9 - What processes are in place for data quality checks (5.4)?	3	No / limited processes in place.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc processes exist using basic checks covering some parts of the estate.	Consistent and regular processes exist using checks based on business rules covering all estates.	Partially automated processes using data quality check algorithms and data quality dashboards.	Automated processes using real-time data quality check algorithms, business rules, quality control dashboards and user feedback.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q10 - What processes are in place for data update assurance (5.5)?	3	No / limited processes in place.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc processes exist using minimal data quality checks covering some parts of the estate.	Consistent and regular processes exist using verification tools and update logs covering all estates.	Partially automated processes using controls for flagging erroneous records, identifying data and high-quality update logs covering parts of the estate.	Automated processes using controls for flagging erroneous records, identifying data and high-quality update logs covering all estates.
	Governance		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q11 - What governance is in place to support data assurance and quality (5.)?	3	No / limited governance / informal group for asset data quality.	A dedicated asset data-quality governance group/board exists but meets on an irregular basis or without the required attendees.	A dedicated asset data-quality governance group/board exists, which meets regularly with all the relevant attendees.	Along with the dedicated asset data quality governance group/board, there are additional sub-working groups with the suppliers.	Along with the dedicated asset data quality governance group/board, there are additional sub-working groups with suppliers and cross-organisational governance board/group.
		Q12 - What level of documentation exists for the these data quality processes and governance (5.6)?	3+	No / limited documented items for processes and governance.	Some documentation exists related to processes and governance which are applied on an ad-hoc basis across some parts of the estate.	Consistent documentation exists which the organisation applies for these processes and the governance across all estates. This documentation is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.		
Data Ownership and Access	Ownership		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q13 - Is the data contractually owned by the organisation (6.1)?	3+	The organisation does not contractually own the data.	The organisation contractually owns the data for some data stores/parts of estate.	The organisation contractually owns the data for all estates.		
	Accessibility		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q14 - What level of access does the organisation have to the data in the asset management systems (6.2)?	3	No / limited access to the data (e.g. data extracts requested via email to FM provider).	Access to some data tables/extracts across some data stores/parts of the estate.	Access to all data tables/extracts across all data stores/all estates and manually extract the required data.	The ability to access data in via desktop tool or automated APIs for some data stores/parts of estate.	The ability to access data in data in via desktop tool or automated APIs for all data stores/all estates.
		Q15 - What level of access management exists for controlling user privileges (6.3)?	3+	No / limited access management privileges.	Some access management privileges exist across some data stores/parts of the estate. These are inconsistently applied.	Access management privileges exist across all data stores/all estates. These are consistently applied and tightly controlled.		
	Flexibility		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q16 - Do the asset management systems provide the flexibility to accommodate the data standards (7.1)?	3+	Systems with limited flexibility to accommodate the data standards.	Systems with some flexibility to partially accommodate the data standards for some data stores/parts of the estate.	Systems with flexibility to fully accommodate the data standards for all data stores/all estates.		

Data Systems	Interoperability		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q17 - Do the asset management systems allow interoperability of asset data (7.2)?	3+	Systems with limited interoperability between systems.	Systems with some interoperability between some systems and data is not transferable in COBie format.	Systems with interoperability between all systems and data is transferable in COBie format.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q18 - Does the asset management systems sync to a common data platform (7.3)?	3	No common data platform exist.	Common data platform exists but data from some data stores/parts of the estate are stored. Data sources are updated on an ad-hoc basis.	Common data platform exists where data from all data stores/all estates are stored. Data sources are updated on a regular basis.	Common data platform exists where data from all data stores/all estates are aggregated using desktop tools and databases. Data sources are updated frequently.	Common data platform exists where data from all data stores/all estates are aggregated using automated APIs (applications). Data sources are updated in real-time.
	Management		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q19 - Do the systems meet data security requirements (7.4)?	3+	No systems meet minimum requirements across any estate.	Some of the systems meet data security requirements across some data stores/parts of the estate.	All systems meet data security requirements across all estates.		
		Scoring	1	2	3+			
	Q20 - Do the systems meet data backup management requirements (7.5)?	3+	No systems meet minimum requirements across any estate.	Some of the systems meet data backup management requirements across some data stores/parts of the estate. Backup processes are ad-hoc.	All systems meet data backup management requirements. Backup processes are on a regular basis.			
Data Usage	Management Information		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q21 - What types of management information reports and dashboards are used for FM asset data (8.1)?	3	No / ad hoc reporting and dashboarding to support the use of FM asset data.	Inaccurate reports generated from data gathered point in time.	Standard reporting and interactive dashboards generated regularly with reliable processing and calculations.	Standard reporting and interactive dashboards generated from frequently updated data via robust data pipelines.	Ability to create bespoke customisable reports to answer the latest business questions.
	Insights		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q22 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to contract management (8.2)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q23 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to mandatory and statutory compliance (8.3)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q24 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to Planned Preventative Maintenance (8.4)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
	Scoring	1	2	3	4	5		

		Q25 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to Investment Prioritisation (8.5)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
Team Capacity and Capability	Capacity		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q26 - What is the capacity of the teams working with asset data (9.1, 9.2)?	3	No dedicated teams/informal teams.	Dedicated team exists within the organisation covering some parts of the estate. Individuals do not have assigned responsibilities and accountabilities.	Dedicated team exists within the organisation covering some parts of the estate. Individuals have clear with responsibilities and accountabilities. Identified individuals with responsibilities and accountabilities to manage, monitor and generate required reports/insights from FM asset data.	Along with the dedicated team, there are additional sub-teams consisting individuals from the suppliers.	Along with the dedicated team, there are additional sub-teams consisting individuals from the suppliers and cross-organisational data team.
	Capability		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q27 - What is the capability of the teams working with asset data (9.3)?	3	No dedicated personnel/informal teams.	Team with some FM and data/technical understanding.	Team with good FM and data/technical understanding. Ability to extract, transform, load and report data to generate required reports and insights.	Team with the ability to create robust and repeatable data processes along interactive dashboard to support in generating insights.	Team with the ability to use predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights.
	Training		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q28 - What training is provided for teams working with asset data (9.4)?	3	No / limited training provided.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc pieces of training exist focusing on basic understanding and only the necessary parts of the processes. They are partially in line with the Government Property Profession career framework.	Consistent and regular pieces of training exist focusing on all the necessary processes. They are in line with the Government Property Profession career framework.	Frequent pieces of training focusing on better understanding and upskilling in extended processes and tools used within the organisation.	Frequent pieces of training focusing on upskilling in advanced analytical and automation skills.
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q29 - What training materials exists relating to asset data (9.5)?	3+	No training and guidance material for asset data and processes.	Some training and guidance material exist related to asset data and processes covering some parts of the estate. These are reviewed and referred to on an ad-hoc basis.	Consistent training and guidance material exist covering onboarding, quality and audit processes, etc. for all estates. These are reviewed and referred to on regular basis.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q30 - What knowledge sharing exists relating to asset data (9.6)?	3	No / limited knowledge sharing in place.	Some knowledge sharing exists within the organisation and some irregular knowledge sharing exists between organisations.	Consistent knowledge sharing exists between different organisations on a regular basis.	Consistent knowledge sharing exists between different organisations on a regular basis. Some knowledge sharing with suppliers on an irregular basis.	Consistent knowledge sharing exists between different organisations. Consistent knowledge sharing with suppliers on a regular basis.

Section	Area	Question	Add Details
All	Contact details	1. Identify Lead for: Insert name for board representative	Emma Sayner,, Chief Financial Officer
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Linen and laundry	Contact details	3. Identify Lead for linen and laundry: Insert name of authorised persons and contact details	Zara Ridge, Head of Facilities zara.ridge@nhs.net
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Food	Contact details	2. Identify Lead for food: Insert name for Competent Persons and contact details	Michael James michael.james17@nhs.net
Food	Contact details	2. Identify Lead for: Insert name of catering dietitian	Unappointed.
Food	Contact details	2a. Contact details of the dietitian	N/A.
Food	Contact details	2b Indicate if this is in house in-house, from an FM provider or an external contract (including NHS Supply Chain)	N/A.
Food	Contact details	3. Identify Lead for: Organisations must nominate a food safety specialist. Provide details of person or company supplying service	Mark Richardson, RFS Consulting
Medical Gas	Contact details	4. Medical gas committee: Board Executive responsible for medical gasses	Tom Myers, Group Director of Estates, Facilities & Development
Medical Gas	Contact details	5. Authorised Engineer	Unappointed, out to tender
Medical Gas	Contact details	6. Authorised Person	Neil Kaye, Head of Engineering
Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025	Contact details	Please provide contact details; name, job title and contact email, of the appointed Accountable Officer in relation to this	N/A
Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2026	Contact details	Please provide contact details; name, job title and contact email, of the organisation's Board appointed Designated Individual(s) for relevant premises?	N/A

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Introduction		
This sheet supplements the 'generic' prompt questions contained within NHS PAM safety domain. It provides key references from the following documents that users should consider when undertaking their assessment of the relevant prompts: 1. Health and Safety Executive publication HSG 65 'Managing for health and safety' 2. The Care Quality Commission Provider Handbooks Appendix A 'Key Lines of Enquiry' 3. The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and Associated CQC guidance		
Extracts from HSG 65 primarily relate to H&S regulations so may not be strictly relevant in all instance. However the advice may still be useful. HSG 65 'Managing for health and safety' is available from: http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg65.pdf. Similarly some references from the regulations and CQC guidance, particularly around training and development, may relate primarily to clinical and clinical support staff but again they still may be useful.		
1: Policy & Procedures		
Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?		
1.1 HSG 65 page 21:		
Policies should be designed to meet legal requirements, prevent health and safety problems, and enable you to respond quickly where difficulties arise or new risks are introduced.		
1.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)d		
• The provider's Statement of Purpose and operational policies and procedures for the delivery of care and treatment should specify how the premises and equipment will be used.		
15(1)d&e		
• All equipment must be used, stored and maintained in line with manufacturers' instructions. It should only be used for its intended purpose and by the person for whom it is provided.		
1.3 Regulations and CQC Guidance	CQC KLOE	
15(1)d	S3.1. Are the systems, processes and practices that are essential to keep people safe identified, put in place and communicated to staff?	
• Providers must make sure that they meet the requirements of relevant legislation so that premises and equipment are properly used and maintained. See Annex A for relevant legislation.		
17(2)(e)	E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).	
Where relevant, the provider should also seek and act on the views of external bodies such as fire, environmental health, royal colleges and other bodies who provide best practice guidance relevant to the service provided.		
17(2)a	E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).	
Providers should read and implement relevant nationally recognised guidance and be aware that quality and safety standards change over time when new practices are introduced, or because of technological development or other factors.		
2: Roles and Responsibilities		
Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?		
2.1 HSG 65		
HSG 65 page 11)		
The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require employers to put in place arrangements to control health and safety risks. As a minimum, you should have the processes and procedures required to meet the legal requirements, including:		
■ ensuring there is adequate and appropriate supervision in place;		
■ access to competent health and safety advice, for example see the Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register (OSHCR) at www.hse.gov.uk/oshcr ;		
HSG 65 page 17:		
The competence of individuals is vital, whether they are employers, managers, supervisors, employees or contractors, especially those with safety-critical roles (such as plant maintenance engineers). It ensures they recognise the risks in their activities and can apply the right measures to control and manage those risks.		
2.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)d&e		
• Providers must make sure that staff and others who operate the equipment are trained to use it appropriately.		
18(1) Sufficient numbers of suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced persons must be deployed in order to meet the requirements of this Part.		
2.4 Regulations and CQC Guidance	CQC KLOE	
18(1) Guidance: Providers must deploy sufficient numbers of suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced staff to make sure that they can meet people's care and treatment needs and therefore meet the requirements of Section 2 of these regulations (the fundamental standards).	E3.1. Do staff have the right qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience to do their job when they start their employment, take on new responsibilities and on a continual basis?	
3: Risk Assessment		
Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?		
3.1 HSG		
HSG 65 Page 27)		
What the law says on assessing risks		
The law states that a risk assessment must be 'suitable and sufficient', i.e. it should show that:		
■ a proper check was made;		
■ you asked who might be affected;		
■ you dealt with all the obvious significant risks, taking into account the number of people who could be involved;		
■ the precautions are reasonable, and the remaining risk is low;		
■ you involved your workers or their representatives in the process.		
The level of detail in a risk assessment should be proportionate to the risk and appropriate to the nature of the work. Insignificant risks can usually be ignored, as can risks arising from routine activities associated with life in general, unless the work activity compounds or significantly alters those risks.		
Your risk assessment should only include what you could reasonably be expected to know – you are not expected to anticipate unforeseeable risks.		
HSG 65 page 14)		
Leaders, at all levels, need to understand the range of health and safety risks in their part of the organisation and to give proportionate attention to each of them. This applies to the level of detail and effort put into assessing the risks, implementing controls, supervising and monitoring.		
HSG 65 page 13)		
The risk profile of an organisation informs all aspects of the approach to leading and managing its health and safety risks.		
HSG 65 page 13)		
Every organisation will have its own risk profile. This is the starting point for determining the greatest health and safety issues for the organisation. In some businesses the risks will be tangible and immediate safety hazards, whereas in other organisations the risks may be health-related and it may be a long time before the illness becomes apparent.		
3.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)c: • Any alterations to the premises or the equipment that is used to deliver care and treatment must be made in line with current legislation and guidance. Where the guidance cannot be met, the provider should have appropriate contingency plans and arrangements to mitigate the risks to people using the service.		
17(2)(b)		
Providers must have systems and processes that enable them to identify and assess risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use the service.		
17(2)(b)		
Where risks are identified, providers must introduce measures to reduce or remove the risks within a timescale that reflects the level of risk and impact on people using the service.		
17(2)(b)		
Providers must have processes to minimise the likelihood of risks and to minimise the impact of risks on people who use services.		
17(2)(b)		
Risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use services must be escalated within the organisation or to a relevant external body as appropriate. Identified risks to people who use services and others must be continually monitored and appropriate action taken where a risk has increased.		

17(2)(b) Note: In this regulation, 'others' includes anyone who may be put at risk through the carrying on of a regulated activity, such as staff, visitors, tradespeople or students.		
3.3 Regulations and CQC Guidance		CQC KLOE
15(1)d&e • There should be regular health and safety risk assessments of the premises (including grounds) and equipment. The findings of the assessments must be acted on without delay if improvements are required. 17(2)(b) assess, monitor and mitigate the risks relating to the health, safety and welfare of service users and others who may be at risk which arise from the carrying on of the regulated activity;		S4.4. Are comprehensive risk assessments carried out for people who use services and risk management plans developed in line with national guidance? Are risks managed positively? S5.1. How are potential risks taken into account when planning services, for example, seasonal fluctuations in demand, the impact of adverse weather, or disruption to staffing? W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?
4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?		
4.1 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)d • Providers must make sure that they meet the requirements of relevant legislation so that premises and equipment are properly used and maintained. See Annex A for relevant legislation.		
15(1)d&e • All equipment must be used, stored and maintained in line with manufacturers' instructions. It should only be used for its intended purpose and by the person for whom it is provided.		
5. Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?		
5.1 HSG 65		
HSG 65 page 11) The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require employers to put in place arrangements to control health and safety risks. As a minimum, you should have the processes and procedures required to meet the legal requirements, including: ■ ensuring there is adequate and appropriate supervision in place; ■ access to competent health and safety advice, for example see the Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register (OSHCR) at www.hse.gov.uk/oshcr ;		
3.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
18(2) Persons employed by the service provider in the provision of a regulated activity must 18(2)(a) receive such appropriate support, training, professional development, supervision and appraisal as is necessary to enable them to carry out the duties they are employed to perform,		
Providers must ensure that they have an induction programme that prepares staff for their role. It is expected that providers that employ healthcare assistants and social care support workers should follow the Care Certificate standards to make sure new staff are supported, skilled and assessed as competent to carry out their roles.		
Where appropriate, staff must be supervised until they can demonstrate required/acceptable levels of competence to carry out their role unsupervised.		
Staff should receive appropriate ongoing or periodic supervision in their role to make sure competence is maintained.		
Other mandatory training, as defined by the provider for their role.		
Any additional training identified as necessary to carry out regulated activities as part of their job duties and, in particular, to maintain necessary skills to meet the needs of the people they care for and support.		
Other learning and development opportunities required to enable them to fulfil their role. This includes first aid training for people working in the adult social care sector.		
All learning and development and required training completed should be monitored and appropriate action taken quickly when training requirements are not being met.		
Other mandatory training, as defined by the provider for their role.		
Any additional training identified as necessary to carry out regulated activities as part of their job duties and, in particular, to maintain necessary skills to meet the needs of the people they care for and support.		
Other learning and development opportunities required to enable them to fulfil their role. This includes first aid training for people working in the adult social care sector.		
All learning and development and required training completed should be monitored and appropriate action taken quickly when training requirements are not being met.		
18(2)(b) be enabled where appropriate to obtain further qualifications appropriate to the work they perform, and Providers must support staff to obtain appropriate further qualifications that would enable them to continue to perform their role. Providers must not act in a way that prevents or limits staff from obtaining further qualifications that are appropriate to their role.		
18(2)(b) be enabled where appropriate to obtain further qualifications appropriate to the work they perform, and Providers must support staff to obtain appropriate further qualifications that would enable them to continue to perform their role. Providers must not act in a way that prevents or limits staff from obtaining further qualifications that are appropriate to their role.		
4.3 Regulations and CQC Guidance		CQC KLOE
Training, learning and development needs of individual staff members must be carried out at the start of employment and reviewed at appropriate intervals during the course of employment. Staff must be supported to undertake training, learning and development to enable them to fulfil the requirements of their role.		E3.2. How are the learning needs of staff identified? E3.3. Do staff have appropriate training to meet their learning needs? E3.4. Are staff encouraged and given opportunities to develop?
Staff should be supported to make sure they are can participate in: Statutory training. Staff should receive regular appraisal of their performance in their role from an appropriately skilled and experienced person and any training, learning and development needs should be identified, planned for and supported.		S3.2. Do staff receive effective mandatory training in the safety systems, processes and practices? E3.5. What are the arrangements for supporting and managing staff? (This includes one-to-one meetings, appraisals, coaching and mentoring, clinical supervision and revalidation.) E3.6. How is poor or variable staff performance identified and managed? How are staff supported to improve?
6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?		
6.1 CQC KLOE		
S5.2. What arrangements are in place to respond to emergencies and major incidents? How often are these practised and reviewed?		
S5.1. How are potential risks taken into account when planning services, for example, seasonal fluctuations in demand, the impact of adverse weather, or disruption to staffing?		
7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?		
7.1 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
17(2)(f) Providers must ensure that their audit and governance systems remain effective.		
7.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		CQC KLOE
17(2)a Providers should read and implement relevant nationally recognised guidance and be aware that quality and safety standards change over time when new practices are introduced, or because of technological development or other factors.		E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).
8: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?		
References to risk assessment and management are details under prompt 3 above		
8: Scoring		
Scoring should be based on the following:		
	Self-assessment rating	% to score in given area
	Not applicable: This prompt question does not apply to the trust e.g. Mental Health trusts do not use Medical Gases;	
	Outstanding: Compliant with no action required, plus evidence of high-quality services and innovation. This Score is likely to be rarely applied.	100%
	Good: compliant no action required.	85% or above
	Requires minimal improvement: The impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is low.	66% to 85%
	Requires moderate improvement: The impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is medium.	45% to 65%
	Inadequate	45% or less

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This sheet shows the relationship and link between the NHS PAM SAQs and: 1. Relevant parts of the 'Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014' 2. Associated CQC guidance to providers on meeting the Regulations 3. CQC provider Handbooks Annex A: Key Lines of Enquiry	
Regulations (bold text) CQC Guidance (non-bold text), CQC KLOE (bold italics)	PAM Ref.
Regulation 14: Meeting nutritional and hydration needs (FS)	
<i>CQC KLOE: E1.4. How are people's nutrition and hydration needs assessed and met?</i>	
14(1) The nutritional and hydration needs of service users must be met. Providers must include people's nutrition and hydration needs when they make an initial assessment of their care, treatment and support needs and in the ongoing review of these. The assessment and review should include risks related to people's nutritional and hydration needs. Providers should have a food and drink strategy that addresses the nutritional needs of people using the service.	SS1
14(2) Paragraph 1 applies where— (a) care or treatment involves— the provision of accommodation by the service provider, or an overnight stay for the service user on premises used by the service for the purposes of carrying on a regulated activity, or (b) the meeting of the nutritional or hydration needs of service users is part of the arrangements made for the provision of care or treatment by the service provider. Providers must meet people's nutrition or hydration needs wherever an overnight stay is provided as part of the regulated activity or where nutrition or hydration are provided as part of the arrangements made for the person using the service.	SS1
14(3) But paragraph (1) does not apply to the extent that the meeting of such nutritional or hydration needs would— (a) result in a breach of regulation 11, or (b) not be in the service user's best interests	NA
14(4)(a) receipt by a service user of suitable and nutritious food and hydration which is adequate to sustain life and good health,	
Nutrition and hydration assessments must be carried out by people with the required skills and knowledge. The assessments should follow nationally recognised guidance and identify, as a minimum: requirements to sustain life, support the agreed care and treatment, and support ongoing good health dietary intolerances, allergies, medication contraindications how to support people's good health including the level of support needed, timing of meals, and the provision of appropriate and sufficient quantities of food and drink.	SS1 should demonstrate following the Nutrition & hydration assessment but assessment is not part of PAM
Nutrition and hydration needs should be regularly reviewed during the course of care and treatment and any changes in people's needs should be responded to in good time. A variety of nutritious, appetising food should be available to meet people's needs and be served at an appropriate temperature. When the person lacks capacity, they must have prompts, encouragement and help to eat as appropriate.	SS1
Where a person is assessed as needing a specific diet, this must be provided in line with that assessment. Nutritional and hydration intake should be monitored and recorded to prevent unnecessary dehydration, weight loss or weight gain. Action must be taken without delay to address any concerns. Staff must follow the most up-to-date nutrition and hydration assessment for each person and take appropriate action if people are not eating and drinking in line with their assessed needs. Staff should know how to determine whether specialist nutritional advice is required and how to access and follow it.	NA
Water must be available and accessible to people at all times. Other drinks should be made available periodically throughout the day and night and people should be encouraged and supported to drink. Arrangements should be made for people to receive their meals at a different time if they are absent or asleep when their meals are served. Snacks or other food should be available between meals for those who prefer to eat 'little and often'.	SS1

14(4)(b) receipt by a service user of parenteral nutrition and dietary supplements when prescribed by a health care professional,	NA
14(4)(c) the meeting of any reasonable requirements of a service user for food and hydration arising from the service user's preferences or their religious or cultural background, and	
People should be able to make choices about their diet. People's religious and cultural needs must be identified in their nutrition and hydration assessment, and these needs must be met. If there are any clinical contraindications or risks posed because of any of these requirements, these should be discussed with the person, to allow them to make informed choices about their requirements. When a person has specific dietary requirements relating to moral or ethical beliefs, such as vegetarianism, these requirements must be fully considered and met. Every effort should be made to meet people's preferences, including preference about what time meals are served, where they are served and the quantity.	SS1
14(4)(d) if necessary, support for a service user to eat or drink	NA
Regulation 15: Premises and equipment (FS)	
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—	
15(1)(a) clean,	
<i>CQC KLOE S3.5. How are standards of cleanliness and hygiene maintained?</i>	
• Premises and equipment must be kept clean and cleaning must be done in line with current legislation and guidance.	
• Premises and equipment should be visibly clean and free from odours that are offensive or unpleasant.	
• Providers should: - o Use appropriate cleaning methods and agents. - o Operate a cleaning schedule appropriate to the care and treatment being delivered from the premises or by the equipment. - o Monitor the level of cleanliness. - o Take action without delay when any shortfalls are identified. - o Make sure that staff with responsibility for cleaning have appropriate training.	Safety SAQ SS4
• Domestic, clinical and hazardous waste and materials must be managed in line with current legislation and guidance.	
<i>CQC KLOE S3.9. Do the arrangements for managing waste and clinical specimens keep people safe? (This includes classification, segregation, storage, labelling, handling and, where appropriate, treatment and disposal of waste.)</i>	Safety SAQ SS3
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—	
15(1)(b) secure,	Safety SAQ SS6
• Security arrangements must make sure that people are safe while receiving care, including:	
<i>CQC KLOES3.4. Are there arrangements in place to safeguard adults and children from abuse that reflect relevant legislation and local requirements? Do staff understand their responsibilities and adhere to safeguarding policies and procedures?</i>	Safety SAQ SS6
o Protecting personal safety, which includes restrictive protection required in relation to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Mental Health Act 1983. This includes the use of window restrictors or locks on doors, which are used in a way that protects people using the service when lawful and necessary, but which does not restrict the liberty of other people using the service.	Safety SAQ SS6
<i>CQC KLOE E1.7. Are the rights of people subject to the Mental Health Act (MHA) protected and do staff have regard to the MHA Code of Practice?</i>	
o Protecting personal property and/or money.	
o Providing appropriate access to and exit from protected or controlled areas.	
o Not inadvertently restricting people's movements.	
o Providing appropriate information about access and entry when people who use the service are unable to come and go freely and when people using a service move from the premises as part of their care and treatment.	
o Using the appropriate level of security needed in relation to the services being delivered. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 (Part 3) Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations March 2015 57	Safety SAQ SS6

• If any form of surveillance is used for any purpose, the provider must make sure that this is done in the best interests of people using the service, while remaining mindful of their responsibilities for the safety of their staff. Any surveillance should be operated in line with current guidance. Detailed guidance on the use of surveillance is available on CQC's website.	
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be— 15(1)(c) suitable for the purpose for which they are being used,	Safety SAQ SH2
Premises must be fit for purpose in line with statutory requirements and should take account of national best practice.	
CQC KLOE S3.7. Does the design, maintenance and use of facilities and premises keep people safe?	
• Premises must be suitable for the service provided, including the layout, and be big enough to accommodate the potential number of people using the service at any one time. There must be sufficient equipment to provide the service.	Safety SAQ SH2 & SH15
• Adequate support facilities and amenities must be provided where relevant to the service being provided. This includes sufficient toilets and bathrooms for the number of people using the service, adequate storage space, adequate seating and waiting space.	Safety SAQ SH2
• People's needs must be taken into account when premises are designed, built, maintained, renovated or adapted. Their views should also be taken into account when possible.	Patient Experience SAQ P1
• People should be able to easily enter and exit premises and find their way around easily and independently. If they can't, providers must make reasonable adjustments in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and other current legislation and guidance.	Safety SAQ SH2 & Patient Experience SAQ P6
• Any alterations to the premises or the equipment that is used to deliver care and treatment must be made in line with current legislation and guidance. Where the guidance cannot be met, the provider should have appropriate contingency plans and arrangements to mitigate the risks to people using the service.	Safety SAQ SH2
CQC KLOE W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
The premises and equipment used to deliver care and treatment must meet people's needs and, where possible, their preferences. This includes making sure that privacy, dignity and confidentiality are not compromised.	Safety SAQ SH2
• Reasonable adjustments must be made when providing equipment to meet the needs of people with disabilities, in line with requirements of the Equality Act 2010.	Safety SAQ SH15
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be— 15(1)(d) properly used, 15(1)(e) properly maintained, and	Safety prompt questions 1,4 & 7 for each technical area e.g. electrical safety
• Providers must make sure that they meet the requirements of relevant legislation so that premises and equipment are properly used and maintained. See Annex A for relevant legislation.	
CQC KLOE S3.7. Does the design, maintenance and use of facilities and premises keep people safe?	
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	Safety SAQ SH2 & SH15
• The provider's Statement of Purpose and operational policies and procedures for the delivery of care and treatment should specify how the premises and equipment will be used.	
• Any change of use of premises and/or equipment should be informed by a risk assessment and providers must make appropriate alterations to premises and equipment where reasonably practical. Where this is not possible, providers should have appropriate contingency plans and arrangements to mitigate the risks to people using the service. Alterations must be in line with current legislation and guidance.	Safety SAQ SH2
CQC KLOE W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
• There should be regular health and safety risk assessments of the premises (including grounds) and equipment. The findings of the assessments must be acted on without delay if improvements are required.	SH4 & safety SAQ prompt 3
CQC KLOE W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
• There should be suitable arrangements for the purchase, service, maintenance, renewal and replacement of premises (including grounds) and equipment. These arrangements must make sure that they meet the requirements of current legislation and guidance, manufacturers' instructions and the provider's policies or procedures.	Safety SAQ SH1 & Safety SAQ prompt 4

Providers must have operational policies and procedures and maintenance budgets to maintain their equipment, buildings and mechanical engineering and electrical systems so that they are sound, operationally safe and exhibiting only minor deterioration.	Safety SAQ SH1 & Safety SAQ prompt 4
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	
All equipment must be used, stored and maintained in line with manufacturers' instructions. It should only be used for its intended purpose and by the person for whom it is provided.	Safety SAQ SH15
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	
Providers must make sure that staff and others who operate the equipment are trained to use it appropriately.	Safety SAQ SH15 & Safety SAQ prompt 2&5
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be— 15(1)(f) appropriately located for the purpose for which they are being used.	
When planning the location of premises, providers must take into account the anticipated needs of the people who will use the service and they should ensure easy access to other relevant facilities and the local community.	Patient Experience SAQ P1
Facilities should be appropriately located to suit the accommodation that is being used. This includes short distances between linked facilities, sufficient car parking that is clearly marked and reasonably close, and good access to public transport.	Safety SAQ SH2
Equipment must be accessible at all times to meet the needs of people using the service. This means it must be available when needed, or obtained in a reasonable time so as not to pose a risk to the person using the service. Equipment includes chairs, beds, clinical equipment, and moving and handling equipment.	Safety SAQ SH15
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	
15(2) The registered person must, in relation to such premises and equipment, maintain standards of hygiene appropriate for the purposes for which they are being used.	
Providers must comply with guidance from the Department of Health about the prevention and control of infections: Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice for health and adult social care on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance.	Safety SAQ SS4
S3.6. Are reliable systems in place to prevent and protect people from a healthcare-associated infection?	
Where applicable, premises must be cleaned or decontaminated in line with current legislation and guidance, and equipment must be cleaned, decontaminated and/or sterilised in line with current legislation and guidance and manufacturers' instructions. Equipment must be cleaned or decontaminated after each use and between use by different people who use the service.	Safety SAQ SS4
Ancillary services belonging to the provider, such as kitchens and laundry rooms, which are used for or by people who use the service, must be used and maintained in line with current legislation and guidance. People using the service and staff using the equipment should be trained to use it or supervised/risk assessed as necessary.	Safety SAQ SS1, SS4 & SH10
W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
Multiple use equipment and devices must be cleaned or decontaminated between use. Single use and single person devices must not be re-used or shared. All staff must understand the risk to people who use services if they do not adhere to this.	Safety SAQ SS2 & SS4
W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
Regulation 16: Receiving and acting on complaints (FS)	Patient Exp SAQ P1
R4. How are people's concerns and complaints listened and responded to and used to improve the quality of care?	
16(1) Any complaint received must be investigated and necessary and proportionate action must be taken in response to any failure identified by the complaint or investigation.	P1

People must be able to make a complaint to any member of staff, either verbally or in writing. All staff must know how to respond when they receive a complaint. Unless they are anonymous, all complaints should be acknowledged whether they are written or verbal. Complainants must not be discriminated against or victimised. In particular, people's care and treatment must not be affected if they make a complaint, or if somebody complains on their behalf. Appropriate action must be taken without delay to respond to any failures identified by a complaint or the investigation of a complaint. Information must be available to a complainant about how to take action if they are not satisfied with how the provider manages and/or responds to their complaint. Information should include the internal procedures that the provider must follow and should explain when complaints should/will be escalated to other appropriate bodies. Where complainants escalate their complaint externally because they are dissatisfied with the local outcome, the provider should cooperate with any independent review or process.	P1
16(2) The registered person must establish and operate effectively an accessible system for identifying, receiving, recording, handling and responding to complaints by service users and other persons in relation to the carrying on of the regulated activity.	P1
Information and guidance about how to complain must be available and accessible to everyone who uses the service. It should be available in appropriate languages and formats to meet the needs of the people using the service. Providers must tell people how to complain, offer support and provide the level of support needed to help them make a complaint. This may be through advocates, interpreter services and any other support identified or requested. When complainants do not wish to identify themselves, the provider must still follow its complaints process as far as possible. Providers must have effective systems to make sure that all complaints are investigated without delay. This includes: Undertaking a review to establish the level of investigation and immediate action required, including referral to appropriate authorities for investigation. This may include professional regulators or local authority safeguarding teams. Making sure appropriate investigations are carried out to identify what might have caused the complaint and the actions required to prevent similar complaints. When the complainant has identified themselves, investigating and responding to them and where relevant their family and carers without delay.	P1
Providers should monitor complaints over time, looking for trends and areas of risk that may be addressed. Staff and others who are involved in the assessment and investigation of complaints must have the right level of knowledge and skill. They should understand the provider's complaints process and be knowledgeable about current related guidance. Consent and confidentiality must not be compromised during the complaints process unless there are professional or statutory obligations that make this necessary, such as safeguarding. Complainants, and those about whom complaints are made, must be kept informed of the status of their complaint and its investigation, and be advised of any changes made as a result. Providers must maintain a record of all complaints, outcomes and actions taken in response to complaints. Where no action is taken, the reasons for this should be recorded. Providers must act in accordance with Regulation 20: Duty of Candour in respect of complaints about care and treatment that have resulted in a notifiable safety incident.	P1
16(3) The registered person must provide to the Commission, when requested to do so and by no later than 28 days beginning on the day after receipt of the request, a summary of— (a) complaints made under such complaints system, (b) responses made by the registered person to such complaints and any further correspondence with the complainants in relation to such complaints, and (c) any other relevant information in relation to such complaints as the Commission may request.	P1

CQC can ask providers for information about a complaint; if this is not provided within 28 days of our request, it may be seen as preventing CQC from taking appropriate action in relation to a complaint or putting people who use the service at risk of harm, or of receiving care and treatment that has, or is, causing harm. The 28-day period starts the day after the request is received.	P1
Regulation 17: Good governance (FS)	
W2.6. Are there comprehensive assurance system and service performance measures, which are reported and monitored, and is action taken to improve performance S3.1. Are the systems, processes and practices that are essential to keep people safe identified, put in place and communicated to staff? W2. Does the governance framework ensure that responsibilities are clear and that quality, performance and risks are understood and managed?	The NHS PAM is designed to be used as a system that meets this requirement
17(1) Systems or processes must be established and operated effectively to ensure compliance with the requirements in this Part. Providers must operate effective systems and processes to make sure they assess and monitor their service against Regulations 4 to 20A of Part 3 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 (as amended). The provider must have a process in place to make sure this happens at all times and in response to the changing needs of people who use the service.	
The system must include scrutiny and overall responsibility at board level or equivalent.	Governance domain
17(2) Without limiting paragraph (1), such systems or processes must enable the registered person, in particular, to—	
17(2)(a) assess, monitor and improve the quality and safety of the services provided in the carrying on of the regulated activity (including the quality of the experience of service users in receiving those services); S3.3. Is implementation of safety systems, processes and practices monitored and improved when required?	The NHS PAM is designed to be used as a system that meets this requirement
1. Providers must have systems and processes such as regular audits of the service provided and must assess, monitor and improve the quality and safety of the service. The audits should be baselined against Regulations 4 to 20A of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and should, where possible, include the experiences people who use the service. The systems and processes should be continually reviewed to make sure they remain fit for purpose. Fit for purpose means that: systems and processes enable the provider to identify where quality and/or safety are being compromised and to respond appropriately and without delay. providers have access to all necessary information.	
17(2)(a) 2. Information should be up to date, accurate and properly analysed and reviewed by people with the appropriate skills and competence to understand its significance. When required, results should be escalated and appropriate action taken.	G1.7
W2.7. Are there effective arrangements in place to ensure that the information used to monitor and manage quality and performance is accurate, valid, reliable, timely and relevant? What action is taken when issues are identified? W5.6. How is information used proactively to improve care?	
17(2)(a) 3. Providers should have effective communication systems to ensure that people who use the service, those who need to know within the service and, where appropriate, those external to the service, know the results of reviews about the quality and safety of the service and any actions required following the review.	NA
17(2)(a) 4. Providers should actively seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders, including people who use the service, staff, visiting professionals, professional bodies, commissioners, local groups, members of the public and other bodies, about their experience of, and the quality of care and treatment delivered by the service. Providers must be able to show how they have: analysed and responded to the information gathered, including taking action to address issues where they are raised, and used the information to make improvements and demonstrate that they have been made	Patient Experience SAQ P1
W4. How are people who use the service, the public and staff engaged and involved?	
Providers must seek professional/expert advice as needed and without delay to help them to identify and make improvements.	Governance SAQ G3

17(2)a Providers must monitor progress against plans to improve the quality and safety of services, and take appropriate action without delay where progress is not achieved as expected.	PE domain and action plan prompt under each SAQ
Subject to statutory consent and applicable confidentiality requirements, providers must share relevant information, such as information about incidents or risks, with other relevant individuals or bodies. These bodies include safeguarding boards, coroners, and regulators. Where they identify that improvements are needed these must be made without delay.	Safety SAQ SH17
17(2)a Providers should read and implement relevant nationally recognised guidance and be aware that quality and safety standards change over time when new practices are introduced, or because of technological development or other factors.	Safety SAQ prompt Question 1
<i>E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).</i>	
17(2)(b) assess, monitor and mitigate the risks relating to the health, safety and welfare of service users and others who may be at risk which arise from the carrying on of the regulated activity;	Safety SAQ prompt question 3 & G1.9 & G1.10
<i>S3.1. Are the systems, processes and practices that are essential to keep people safe identified, put in place and communicated to staff?</i>	
<i>S4.4. Are comprehensive risk assessments carried out for people who use services and risk management plans developed in line with national guidance? Are risks managed positively?</i>	
<i>S5.1. How are potential risks taken into account when planning services, for example, seasonal fluctuations in demand, the impact of adverse weather, or disruption to staffing?</i>	
17(2)(b) Providers must have systems and processes that enable them to identify and assess risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use the service.	
17(2)(b) Where risks are identified, providers must introduce measures to reduce or remove the risks within a timescale that reflects the level of risk and impact on people using the service.	
17(2)(b) Providers must have processes to minimise the likelihood of risks and to minimise the impact of risks on people who use services.	
17(2)(b) Risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use services must be escalated within the organisation or to a relevant external body as appropriate. Identified risks to people who use services and others must be continually monitored and appropriate action taken where a risk has increased.	NA
17(2)(b) Note: In this regulation, 'others' includes anyone who may be put at risk through the carrying on of a regulated activity, such as staff, visitors, tradespeople or students.	
17(2)(c) maintain securely an accurate, complete and contemporaneous record in respect of each service user, including a record of the care and treatment provided to the service user and of decisions taken in relation to the care and treatment provided;	NA
17(2)(d) maintain securely such other records as are necessary to be kept in relation to— (i) persons employed in the carrying on of the regulated activity, and (ii) the management of the regulated activity;	
Records relating to people employed and the management of regulated activities must be created, amended, stored and destroyed in accordance with current legislation and guidance.	
Records relating to people employed must include information relevant to their employment in the role including information relating to the requirements under Regulations 4 to 7 and Regulation 19 of this part (part 3) of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. This applies to all staff, not just newly appointed staff. Providers must observe data protection legislation about the retention of confidential personal information.	

Records relating to the management of regulated activities means anything relevant to the planning and delivery of care and treatment. This may include governance arrangements such as policies and procedures, service and maintenance records, audits and reviews, purchasing, action plans in response to risk and incidents.	Safety SAQ SH3
W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
Records must be kept secure at all times and only accessed, amended or destroyed by people who are authorised to do so.	
Information in all formats must be managed in line with current legislation and guidance.	
Systems and processes must support the confidentiality of people using the service and not contravene the Data Protection Act 1998.	
17(2)(e) seek and act on feedback from relevant persons and other persons on the services provided in the carrying on of the regulated activity, for the purposes of continually evaluating and improving such services;	
17(2)(e) Providers should actively encourage feedback about the quality of care and overall involvement with them. The feedback may be informal or formal, written or verbal. It may be from people using the service, those lawfully acting on their behalf, their carers and others such as staff or other relevant bodies.	
17(2)(e) All feedback should be listened to, recorded and responded to as appropriate. It should be analysed and used to drive improvements to the quality and safety of services and the experience of engaging with the provider.	Patient Experience SAQ P1
17(2)(e) Improvements should be made without delay once they are identified, and the provider should have systems in place to communicate how feedback has led to improvements.	
17(2)(e) Where relevant, the provider should also seek and act on the views of external bodies such as fire, environmental health, royal colleges and other bodies who provide best practice guidance relevant to the service provided.	
17(2)(f) evaluate and improve their practice in respect of the processing of the information referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e).	Safety SAQ prompt question 7, SAQ G1.8 & G1.4
17(2)(f) Providers must ensure that their audit and governance systems remain effective.	
17(3) The registered person must send to the Commission, when requested to do so and by no later than 28 days beginning on the day after receipt of the request—	NA
Regulation 18: Staffing (FS)	see also 'prompt guidance sheet'
18(1) Sufficient numbers of suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced persons must be deployed in order to meet the requirements of this Part.	Safety SAQ prompt question 2: See 'prompt guidance sheet'
S4.1. How are staffing levels and skill mix planned and reviewed so that people receive safe care and treatment at all times, in line with relevant tools and guidance, where available?	
18(2)(a) receive such appropriate support, training, professional development, supervision and appraisal as is necessary to enable them to carry out the duties they are employed to perform,	Safety SAQ prompt question 5: See 'prompt guidance sheet'
S3.2. Do staff receive effective mandatory training in the safety systems, processes	
18(2)(b) be enabled where appropriate to obtain further qualifications appropriate to the work they perform, and	
18(2)(b) be enabled where appropriate to obtain further qualifications appropriate to	
Regulation 19: Fit and proper persons employed (FS)	NA
Regulation 20: Duty of candour (FS)	G2.9

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Model 2024-2025

End of Year Report

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an end-of-year summary of the main findings of completing the mandatory NHSE 2024-25 Premises Assurance Model (PAM), which is required to have Trust Board oversight/sign off.

Background Information

Regulated by NHSE, the PAM is a national, mandatory standardised approach to self-assessing assurance levels within Estates, Facilities¹ and Development (EF&D). Through the coordinated engagement with both internal and external stakeholders, there are seven domains comprising of 53 self-assessment categories that provide the assessment structure:

1. Safety Hard (Estates) – x22 assessment categories
2. Safety Soft (Facilities) – x10 assessment categories
3. Patient Experience – x6 assessment categories
4. Efficiency - x5 assessment categories
5. Effectiveness - x4 assessment categories
6. Governance – x3 assessment categories
7. Helipad – x1 assessment categories

Additionally, there are a small number of new sections for 2024-25 of the assurance model which specifically look at:

- FM Maturity (FMS 001: Management Services)
- FM Maturity (FMS 002: Asset Data) (optional last reporting year)

Contained within each domain are:

- Self-assessment questions (SAQ's) which are answered through a series of sub-questions based on NHSE set criterion.
- National Metrics: a standardised method of determining levels of adherence to healthcare and government legislation requirements regarding Estates, Facilities and Development. The judgement metrics are:
 - *Outstanding*
 - *Good*
 - *Requires Minimal Improvement*
 - *Requires Moderate Improvement*
 - *Inadequate*
 - *Not Applicable*

¹ Although categorised as *Estates and Facilities*, departments/services are assessed which do not sit within Estates and Facilities in the structure of NLaG.

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The exception is the H1 domain, Helipad, which is piloting the YES/NO method of response coming away from the perspective style of rating. Although Northern Lincolnshire & Goole (NLaG) does not have a helipad and therefore does not answer this domain it is pertinent to note that it is anticipated that the YES/NO methodology will feature in the whole collection if the pilot proves successful.

Late May 2025, NHSE made Trusts aware of the final, yet unapproved SAQ definitions of the 2024/25 PAM. In addition to the Helipad feedback methodology change, it included two additional SAQ's, together with a change of grouping for the BIM/PSTN SAQ being moved from the Safety Soft to the Safety Hard domain. The two new SAQ's are:

- SH20 Mortuaries
- SS10 Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 – Martyn's Law

The view of the EF&D senior management team is that because the SAQ's have been provided beyond the end of March 2025 they will therefore only be considered in the 2025/26 submission and not addressed as part of the 2024/25 rating submission.

NLaG was one of the first voluntary adopters of PAM and for the past 10 years, NLaG's EF&D Directorate has actively engaged in the PAM self-assessment process with the E&F Safety and Statutory Compliance team facilitating the process. Additionally, the Trust is represented at a national level, consulting every quarter at the NHSE Premises Assurance Model development steering group.

The PAM programme has only recently become a mandatory requirement, appearing for the first time in the 2021 NHS Standard Contract.

Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust's PAM Model

NLaG's annual self-assessment commences each September and concludes at the end of March in the following calendar year. The period between April and August enables internal and external reporting to be completed.

The existing model has been presented previously, and is deemed suitable for the organisation, resulting in transparent and credible assurances.

This model was devised to best utilise the significant resources required to complete a 360° self-assessment. Therefore, a full stakeholder review is conducted every other year with a management desk-top review being carried out in the interim years.

Inherently, the self-assessment process is a subjective process therefore, underpinning this process is an annual programme of internal auditing activities conducted by the EF&D Safety and Statutory Compliance team. Utilising the PAM

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Safety Hard (Estates) and Safety Soft (Facilities) self-assessment categories; a risk-based approach is employed to direct auditing activities to maximise targeted resource allocation. The primary objective is to determine assurance levels from suggested evidence provided by EF&D departments as to their justifications of:

- Not Applicable (grey)
- Inadequate (*red*) [$<45\%$]
- Requires Moderate Improvement (*amber*) [45-65%]
- Requires Minimal Improvement (*yellow*) [66-85%]
- Good (*green*) [$>85\%$]
- Outstanding (*blue*) [100%]

Additionally, national guidance such as Health Technical Memorandums (HTM) and Trust policy requirements also inform the audit scope for their operational accuracy. Findings of internal audit reports are summarised each month at the EF&D Governance meeting group along with PAM completion progress as well as the progress made against improvement actions that are identified from each self-assessment session.

As the PAM is near the end of the 7th year of the current model and upon review, the delivery model is assessed as fit for purpose and delivers a meaningful self-assessment within the confines of the national mandated process.

2024-25 Estates and Facilities PAM Summary of Findings

The charts below capture the end of year comparisons that visually represents the judgements for the EF&D primary service provision (Hard and Soft FM) domains of EF&D against each standardised question set. Appendix 1 provides the full data capture for each domain.

Graphical illustration of the displacement of judgements for both Estates (SH1 to SH22) (SH20 was not assessed; SH22 was identified as N/A)) and Facilities (SS1 to SS1.10 (SS10 removed)).

Figure 1 - Safety Hard - Comparison for 2021 - 24 period

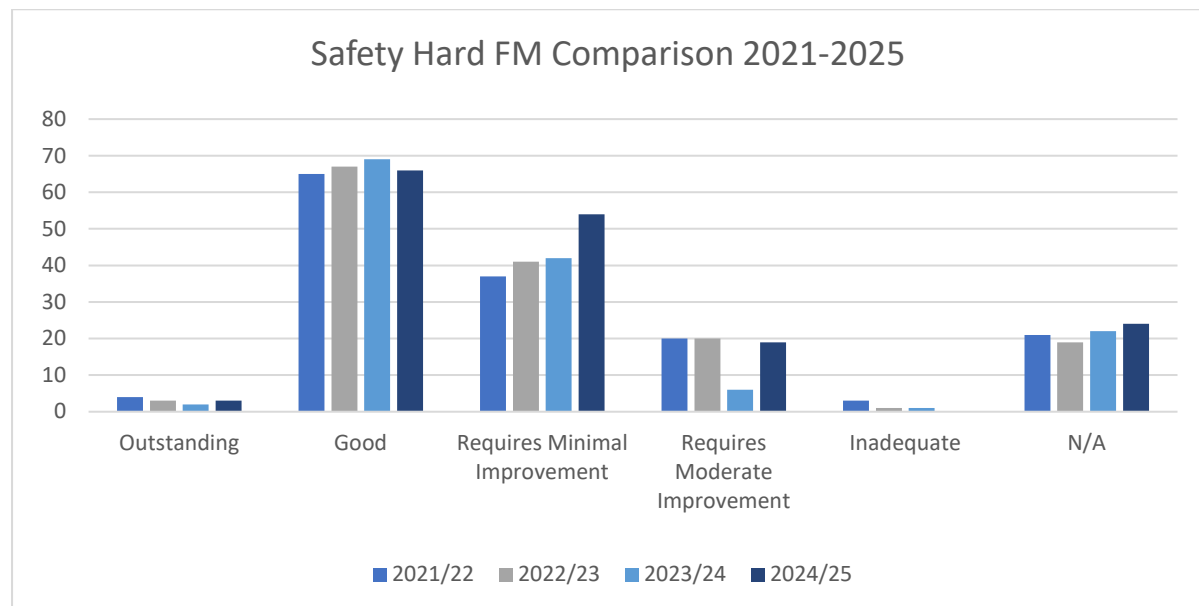
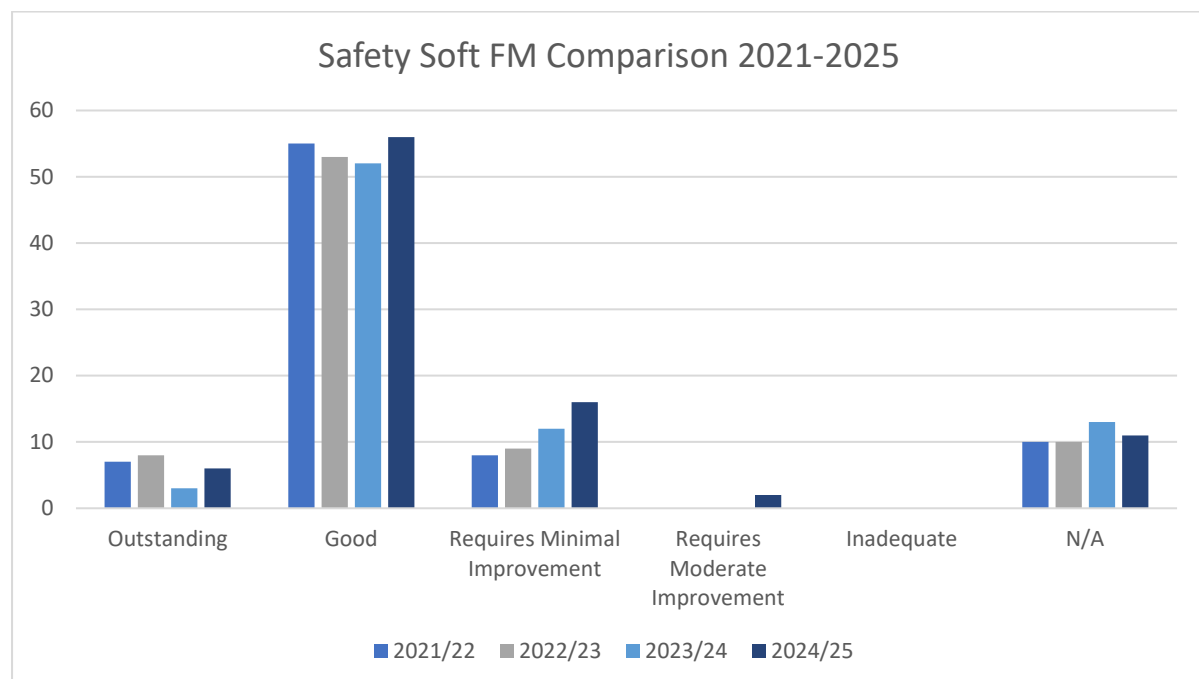


Figure 2 - Safety Soft - Comparison for 2021-24 period



For Safety Hard (figure 1) shows a slight increase in “outstanding” from the previous year as the criteria for this has been further clarified by the National User Group and this is reflected in the trend seen. The number of “good” has seen a decrease from the previous years, “requires minimal improvement” has also seen an increase in trend consecutively over the last 4 years, this has been mainly attributed to the Directorate realigning its objectives as a Group structure with Hull University Teaching Hospital as well as varying opinions from individuals from the multi-stakeholder workshops. For those requiring moderate improvement, there is an increase compared to the previous year. The “inadequate” rating has seen a downwards trend compared to previous years as the domain leads work through actions identified in previous years.

For Safety Soft (figure 2) there has been an increase in “outstanding” and “good” from the previous year. This is due to a number of elements including the introduction of National Standards requiring additional input which have now yet been implemented. There has however been an increase in requires “minimal” and “moderate” improvement this year, this is attributed to SS1 food standard SAQ querying if the Trust has 24/7 retail and restaurant catering facilities which is currently not part of the Trusts overall objectives.

Figure 3 - 24/25 SAQ Outcome Safety Hard

	Policy	R & R	RA	Maint	T&D	EPRR	Review	Average
SH1	3	2	2	4	3	3	2	3
SH2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
SH3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SH4	3	3	3	NA	2	2	2	3
SH5	2	2	2	NA	2	2	2	2
SH6	3	3	2	2	2	3	2	2
SH7	3	3	2	2	2	4	3	3
SH8	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3
SH9	3	3	2	4	3	3	2	3
SH10	4	4	3	3	4	3	2	3
SH11	2	2	3	2	3	4	2	3
SH12	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2
SH13	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
SH14	3	3	3	4	4	4	2	3
SH15	2	3	2	2	2	NA	2	2
SH16	2	2	2	3	2	NA	2	2
SH17	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SH18	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	2
SH19	2	3	2	3	NA	2	2	2
SH20	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
SH21	3	3	2	NA	NA	NA	3	3
SH22	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Average	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	

Figure 4 - 24/25 SAQ Outcome Safety Soft

	Policy	R & R	RA	Maint	T&D	EPRR	Review	Average
SS1	2	2	1	3	3	2	2	2
SS2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2
SS3	1	2	2	1	3	2	3	2
SS4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SS5	2	3	2	3	2	2	3	2
SS6	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SS7	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
SS8	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	3
SS9	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SS10	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Average	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	

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Figures 3 and 4 show the scoring for each SAQ within the different domains and the average scores for the entire domain. This shows which element in each domain needs to be improved. Those with a score of 4 or above should be seen as priority to address.

Key Considerations

- This year was a full-stakeholder review, the coming year will see the domain lead review recommence as per the embedded cycle.
- Some SAQs have been updated, or introduced, which has seen a limited change in terms of year-on-year comparison.
- Maintenance in Safety Hard (Estates) is improving as full asset reviews have been undertaken over the past number of years and work is well underway to implement a new asset management system and Planned Preventative Maintenance (PPM) regime as part of the Directorates Computer Aided Facilities Management (CAFM) upgrade strategy which will give considerably more accurate reporting.

Areas of Good Practice

- Generally, there has been a slight shift to the positive in Safety Hard.
- SH15 (Medical Devices) has seen a minor improvement from the last annual review where maintenance has moved from *Inadequate* to *Requires Moderate Improvement* with a supported business case for additional staffing.
- SH8 (Water Safety Systems) has also improved in a number of areas, in line with a number of other engineering disciplines.
- SS1 (Catering), SS3 (Waste) and SS4 (Cleanliness) have all seen improvement this year, which is attributed to a slight drop in previous year(s) due to the release of relevant guidance/standards in those areas in the recent years, and work being undertaken to implement new practices, which are now well underway, or already fully embedded.
- Mature review process and monitoring processes are continuing to be undertaken across all sector specialisms supported by dedicated EF&D internal auditing programme and risk and governance provision.

Key Areas for Improvement

- SH1 (Operational Management) has seen a downwards trend from the previous year that has been mainly attributed to the need to update the computer aided facilities management system (CAFM), this is being addressed as part of the CAFM Project Board with a view to procure a new Group wide system by the end of 2025.
- SH2 (Design, Layout and Use of Premises) has deteriorated since the last annual review which is attributed to a number of issues such as the need for training in some areas, the need for Capital Project Management policies to be implemented and the challenges with interfacing new projects with existing legacy maintenance issues.
- SH14 (Fire Safety) has also seen a decline from the previous year, this has been attributed to the need to address the findings relevant to the Trust from the Grenfell enquiry and the continued monitoring of the performance of the GDH Fire alarm (Risk 3361)
- SS8 (Pest Control) has declined from *Good* to *Requires Minimal improvement*, this was mainly attributed to concerns highlighted around the maintenance of areas that could allow ingress of pests such as drainage systems and that there is no formal business continuity plan in place.

Conclusion

Completed in isolation of any verification process, the very nature of self-assessment is a subjective process at best. However, the EF&D Safety and Statutory Compliance Department acts independently of the main EF&D Departments and offer an impartiality that challenges the validity of the assessment judgements as part of the validation and auditing process. There is therefore a level of assurance that standardisation across all Self-Assessment Questions (SAQs) due to standardisation provided by the facilitators; some of whom are either actively, or recently involved with other Trusts' PAM process.

The Estates department and its Safety Hard assessment are continuing to work with ageing infrastructure resulting in a mixed judgement of “*Good*” and “*Requires Minor Improvement*” across the Estates provision.

The Facilities department and its Safety Soft assessment continue to benefit from longevity of key roles being in post for a sustained period, bringing with them the accompanying knowledge and experience. There is a clear overall judgement of ‘Good’ assurance levels across the Facilities provision.

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Recommendations

- Complete the current implementation of a Group Estates asset data-capture to improve asset management and maintenance with progress monitored through the Estates meeting structure (***action continued from previous reports***)
- Assign PPMs to all Estates Assets, to ensure compliance with statutory obligations. (***action continued from previous reports***).
- Create comprehensive suite of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all engineering disciplines. Water SOPs have recently been reviewed, however some areas, such as MGPSs remain in need of attention².
- Align, where practical, all Authorised Engineer appointments across the Group.

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Appendix 1 Premises Assurance Model SAQ



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² SOPs feature at safety groups/sub-groups for oversight.

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appendix 1

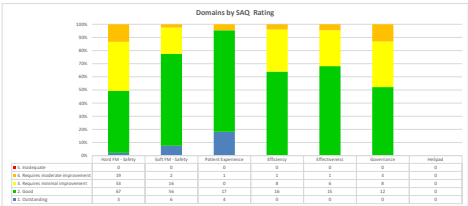
Instructions: NHS Premises Assurance Model 2023: Please also read the separate NHS PAM Guidance Document			
Purpose and structure of this file	This file contains Self-Assessment Questions that help evaluate the way your organisation/site manages its estate and facilities in 5 Domains. Although the Safety Domain is notionally split between hard and soft Facility Management (FM) services some questions within the 'Combined and Hard FM' supply to both sections. These questions should be assessed across both hard and soft FM e.g. the SAQ relating to Health and Safety is within the 'Safety: Combined and Hard FM' but clearly applies to soft FM also. A number of other relevant sheets are also provided		
How to complete it	The way to use this file is to fill in the 5 worksheets with yellow tabs, which include the domain self-assessment questions (SAQs).		
	Year 1	Year 2	The assessment can be for one or two years if comparisons are required.
	2023-24	2024-25	◀ Use the drop down in the yellow boxes to alter the years where relevant
	Each SAQ contains several prompt questions. By answering the prompt questions, a result is automatically calculated for the SAQs and the domains. Please note it is not possible to give a rating to the SAQ directly, it has to be rated indirectly using the prompt questions or, alternatively, classified as not applicable.		
Results	There are six possible responses for a prompt question:		
	- Not applicable: this prompt question does not apply to your organisation/site.		
	- Outstanding: compliant with no action plus evidence of high quality services and innovation.		
	- Good: compliant no action required.		
Results	- Requires minimal improvement: the impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is low.		
	- Requires moderate improvement: the impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is medium.		
	- Inadequate: action is required quickly - the impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is high.		
	The "Summary" sheets show graphically the results of the NHS PAM self-assessment.		
Results	- The 'summary' one shows the ratings at the domain level. It includes the average rating and the distribution of SAQ ratings for the 5 domains (i.e. the % of SAQs that obtain a rating of "Outstanding", the % of SAQs that obtain a rating of "Good", etc.)		
	- The other 5 red 'Results' sheet detail the average rating and the distribution of the prompt questions ratings for each SAQ within the domain. This allows the user to see which SAQs are driving the results of the domains.		

Annual Changes	Annual changes may be required in line with updates to guidance and legislation, you can find an overview of the latest changes listed below. <u>Changes for 2025:</u> There has been updates to the HBN and HTM guidance, the links within the spreadsheet remains up to date, but please familiarise yourself with the latest publications: https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/complete-list-of-publications-related-to-nhs-estates/ Please also note there has been some technical bulletins published this year these can be found: https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/netb/ <u>Safety Hard</u> -<u>Legislation & guidance updates – link provided</u> -<u>SH20 - Mortuary question added</u> -<u>SH22 – Addition of a question here (previously SS10 – BIM/PSTN)</u> <u>Safety Soft</u> -<u>Legislation and guidance updated (link provided)</u> -<u>The previous SS10 (BIM/PSTN) is now moved under safety hard as SS22, this question is also slightly updated within SS22.7.</u> -<u>There is a new SS10 - Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025</u> -<u>SS3 -guidance added: 9. NHS England » NHS clinical waste strategy.</u> <u>Efficiency</u> -<u>F3 - Wording added - “(Please note - Building Standard is mandatory for certain projects)”</u> -<u>F5 Guidance updated - 8. Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS, 9. NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report, 10. Net Zero Guidance plan</u> <u>Effectiveness</u> -<u>E1 - Guidance updated - Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS, NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report, . Net Zero Guidance plan</u> -<u>E2 - Evidence updated - 3. Refer to ICS infrastructure strategy guidance the guidance includes reference to local area energy plans and local nature recovery strategies, which will support town planning.</u> -<u>E4 - Guidance updated - 4. NHS Climate Change Risk Assessment tool, 5. Health and climate adaptation report 2025</u> <u>Governance</u> -<u>G1 - Guidance updated - 8. NHS England » Green plan guidance</u> <u>Helipad - This question has been replaced with a new sat</u> -<u>Please note these questions appear in a different format to the rest of the current questions, with yes/no answers. The answers will be scored based on the assurance provided. This fits in with the approach to be taken next year.</u> <u>Contact details</u> -<u>Contact details requested for the appointed person regarding Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025.</u> -<u>Contact details requested for 'Food' and 'Linen and laundry'</u> <u>Online version of the SAQs:</u> <u>Please note due to year on year reporting within Tableau the new questions may be reflected with a different number.</u>
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NHS Premises Assurance Model (NHS PAM)

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Domain	SACs not applicable	Sub-SACs not applicable	1. Outstanding	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	5. Inadequate	Total No.
Board Risk - Safety	0	0	2	62	3	0	0	65
Staff Risk - Safety	0	11	6	56	26	2	0	85
Board Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Operations	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12
Communications	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Compliance	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	13
Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change	0	56	13	163	77	0	0	214



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◀ Back to instructions					
Ref.	SAQ/Prompt Questions	2023-24	2024-25	Evidence (examples listed below)	Relevant guidance and legislation
	SAQs in green shaded cells can be rated N/A in which case prompt question scores are ignored. Refer to 'prompt guidance sheet' for further guidance	Rate the prompt question by using the drop down menus in the columns below		Evidence in operational systems should demonstrate the approach (procedures etc.) is understood, operationally applied, adequately recorded, reported on, audited and reviewed.	The evidence should demonstrate compliance with the requirements in relevant legislation and guidance.
SS1	SS1: With regard to Catering Services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	This SAQ covers the safety aspects of catering and food with SAQ PE1 looking at patient feedback on food. Note: This applies to all food sources on-site including commercial and charitable outlets.	
SS1	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy, Food Safety Management System and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	1. Outstanding	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
SS1	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;	
SS1	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed? Has the organisation documented all processes and procedures in an approved HACCP document?	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Outstanding	1. Food Standards Agency ratings and Nonmental Health Officer reports. 2. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 3. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 4. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers; 5. Nutritional screening programme identifying patients at risk from malnutrition and dehydration. 6. Allergens screening	
SS1	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained, regularly and monitored to ensure equipment relating to temperature control is functioning correctly?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS1	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements including level 2 hygiene for all food handlers and HACCP at the appropriate level for supervisors and Managers?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports. 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records:	
SS1	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	1. Food Hygiene (England) Regulations 2006; 2. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 2002 3.Food Safety Act 1990 (Amended Regulations 2004) 4. HSG (98) 20- Management of Food Hygiene & Food Services in the National Health Service.
SS1	7: Review Process Is there a robust regular review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures which includes sampling and testing where required?	1. Outstanding	2. Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;	5. NHS Code of Practice for the manufacture, distribution and supply of food, ingredients and food related products. 6. Regulation EC 853/2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs. 7. Food Service at Ward Level with Healthcare food and Beverage Service Standards – a guide to ward level services – 2007 8. Compliance with Healthcare Commission Core Standard 14 (Food) 9. Health Act 2006 Code of Practice for Prevention and Control of Health Care Associated Infections (Department of Health 2006) revised January 2008 10. Food Safety(England) Regulations 2005
SS1	8: Food Standards (No.1) Organisations should have a designated board director responsible for food (nutrition and safety) and report on compliance with the healthcare food and drink standards at board level as a standing agenda item.	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available	11. Food Safety (Temperature Control) Regulations 1995 12. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 13. Fire Hazards have been considered for any catering service 14. NHS 10 Key Characteristics of Good Nutrition and Hydration 15. British Dietetic Association's Nutrition and Hydration Digest 16. British Dietetic Association guidelines 17. The MUST Toolkit (Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool) 18. National standards for healthcare food and drink 19. Food Review
SS1	9: Food Standards (No.2) Organisations should have a food and drink strategy.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/2006/14/contents/made https://www.hse.gov.uk/coshiv/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/2004/2990/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eu/2004/852/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations/enforcement/regulation-14-meeting-nutritional-hydration-needs https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-health-and-social-care-act-2008-code-of-practice-on-the-prevention-and-control-of-infections-and-related-guidance https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/2005/2059/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksl/1995/2200/contents/made https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/hut-hyd/10-key-characteristics/ https://www.bda.uk.com/specialist-groups-and-branches/food-services-specialist-group/nutrition-and-hydration-digest.html https://www.bda.uk.com/professional/practice/practice_guidance/home https://www.bapen.org.uk/screening-and-must/must/must-toolkit/the-must-itself
SS1	10: Food Standards (No.3) Organisations should consider the level of input from a named food service dietitian to ensure choices are appropriate.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available 2. Minutes of nutritional steering group available 3. Name and details of dietitian from contacts page 4. Documented evidence of dietitian involvement in menu engineering	https://www.bapen.org.uk/must-and-self-screening/must-toolkit/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/national-standards-for-healthcare-food-and-drink/ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-nhs-hospital-food
SS1	11: Food standards (No. 4) Organisations should nominate a food safety specialist and this person should chair a food safety group	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available 2. Minutes of food safety group available 3. Evidence of food safety audit management and safety system 4. A food safety group, to include relevant leads should be set up, this should also pick up outcomes from environmental health inspections. 5.Mandatory training should include an appropriate level of food hygiene training for all employees working with and serving food, this should be completed at least once every 3 years.	
SS1	12: Food Standards (No.5) Organisations invest in a high calibre workforce, improved staffing and recognise the complex knowledge and skills required by chefs and food service teams in the provision of safe food and drink services, including training report, matrices or other evidence of chef, catering and nurse training including L2 food safety.	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available training matrices' and training programme 2. available on ESR	
SS1	13 Food Standards (No.6) Organisations are able to demonstrate that they have an established training matrix and a learning and development programme for all staff involved in healthcare food and drink services.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available training matrices' and training programme 2. available on ESR	

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SS1	14.Food Standards (No. 7) Organisations are able to monitor, manage and actively reduce their food waste from production waste, plate waste and unserved meals, a full waste strategy including food waste	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available 2. Evidence provided of involvement of waste management measurements and systems 3. Evidence food is included within waste management strategy 4. Completed ERIC return inline with this	
SS1	15.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have a 24 hour restaurant.	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	16.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have a 24 hour café	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	17.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have a hot vending services.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	18.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have retail services	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	19.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have cold vending	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	20.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have smart fridges	3. Requires minimal improvement	Not applicable	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	21.Food Standards (no. 8) NHS organisations are able to demonstrate that they have nutritional, healthy 24/7 food service provision, which is appropriate for their demographic. You have staff provision for storage and heating of food brought from home.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Documented and readily available with analysis of why this is appropriate	
SS1	22. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'Inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	2. Good	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0		
SS2	SS2: With regard to Decontamination Processes can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	Management, operation and maintenance of decontamination equipment and processes covering the decontamination of surgical equipment, linen, dental equipment and flexible endoscopes. As set out in the HTM 01 Suite 01-06	1. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—15(1)(d) properly used,15(1)(e) properly maintained 2. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—15(1)(d) properly used,15(1)(e) properly maintained, and 3. Health Technical Memorandum01-01A, B, C, D, E 4. Health Technical Memorandum01-04A 5. Health Technical Memorandum01-05 6. Health Technical Memorandum01-06A, B, C, D, E; 7. ISO 9001 8. ISO13485 9. Estate/MHRA alerts 10. Medical Devices Directive. 11. Revision to the Medical Devices Directive. 12. CQC Guidance about compliance - Guidance about compliance Essential standards of quality and safety 13. GSI coding. 14. NHS Operating Framework 15. Medical Devices Regulations (MDR) 2002. 16. BS EN ISO 13485.
SS2	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Quality manual and supporting processes.	
SS2	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period; 4. Trust management structure for decontamination 5. Appointment letter for AE, job descriptions e.g. decontamination lead, SSD manager, Endoscopy Unit decontamination team 6. Appointment letter for AP(D) 7. Evidence of employing appropriately qualified experienced people in key roles as identified in the HTMs and other standards.	
SS2	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;	

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SS3	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;	
SS3	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2: Good	1: Outstanding	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS3	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2: Good	3: Requires minimal improvement	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records:	
SS3	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	
SS3	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2: Good	3: Requires minimal improvement	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;	
SS3	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'Inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2006/3289/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2000/1973/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/25/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/contents https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/078011117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/2015/03/25_esc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/nhs-clinical-waste-strategy/
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0		
SS4	SS4: With regard to Cleanliness and Infection Control applying to Premises and Facilities can the organisation evidence the following ?	Applicable	Applicable	This SAQ covers the safety aspects of cleaning and infection control. SAQ PE3 looks at patient feedback relating to cleanliness.	
SS4	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
SS4	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period; 4. Framework of responsibility at trust level, linking into departmental responsibilities.	
SS4	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;	
SS4	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS4	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	3: Requires minimal improvement	2: Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Use of NHS England Cleaning Manual	
					1. Health and Care Act 2022 2. (Health Building Note 00-09) Infection control in the built environment 3. Association of Healthcare Cleaning Professionals (AHCP) (2009) Colour Coding Hospital Cleaning Materials and Equipment: Safer Practice Notice 15 4. National infection prevention and control manual (NIPCM) for England 5. Health Building Note 04-01) Adult in-patient facilities: planning and design

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SS4	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	6. COC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 7. COC Provider Handbooks 8. National Standards of Healthcare Cleanliness 2021 9. NHS Cleaning Manual (on the E+F hub since 2021, to be published on web March 2024) 1. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/31/contents 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/infection-control-in-the-built-environment-hbn-00-09/ 3. https://www.ahcp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/NRLS-0949-Healthcare-cleaning-manual-2009-06-v1.pdf 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/national-infection-prevention-and-control-manual-nipcm-for-england/ 5. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/adult-in-patient-facilities-planning-and-design-hbn-04-01/ 6&7. https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations 8. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-standards-of-healthcare-cleanliness-2021/ 9. Hub not yet published	(For SS8 and 9 - Although the mandatory requirement is to display in patient facing areas, a Trust may choose to display in other areas so this is capturing evidence where trusts are improving standards for staff - it is best practice to share this information wider)
SS4	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;		
SS4	8: Cleaning Standards 2021 Can you evidence that Star ratings are Displayed in patient facing areas?	1: Outstanding	1: Outstanding	1. Audit evidence 2. Publicly displayed and available		
SS4	9: Cleaning Standards 2021 As a minimum has 95% of the estate achieved a star rating of 4* or above, following their technical audits, in FR categories 1 – 4?	2: Good	1: Outstanding	1. Documented and readily available 2. Publicly displayed and available 3. Reviewed annually		
SS4	10: Cleaning Standards 2021 Have you undertaken efficacy audits in a minimum of 95% in each FR categories 1 – 4?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Audit evidence 2. Reported to Board quarterly		
SS4	11: Cleaning Standards 2021 Do you have evidence that audits scoring 3* stars or below are following an escalation and review process?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Audit evidence 2. Reported to Board quarterly		
SS4	12: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
	Capital cost to achieve compliance		£0	£0		
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance		£0	£0		
SS5	SS5: With regard to Laundry and Linen Services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	There may be some cross over with this SAQ and SS4.		
SS5	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
SS5	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2: Good	3: Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;		
SS5	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;		
SS5	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2: Good	3: Requires minimal improvement	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	1. (HTM 01-04) Decontamination of linen for health and social care 2. Department of Health Uniforms and workwear: Guidance on uniform and workwear policies for NHS employers 2020 3. Immunisation against infectious disease: 'The Green Book' 4. HSE (1999) Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations. London: Stationery Office 5. HSE (2002) Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations. London: Stationery Office- Health and Care Act 2022 6. COC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 7. COC Provider Handbooks 8. The Textile Services Association	
SS5	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	1: Outstanding	2: Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Training matrix available	1. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/decontamination-of-linen-for-health-and-social-care-htm-01-04/ 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/uniforms-and-workwear-guidance-for-nhs-employers/ 3. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/365523/the-green-book-immunisation-against-infectious-disease-the-green-book.pdf 4. https://www.hse.gov.uk/managementofhealthandsafety/ 5. https://www.hse.gov.uk/csoh/ 6. https://www.hse.gov.uk/coc/ 7. https://www.nhs.uk/healthcare-cleanliness/ 8. https://www.textileservicesassociation.co.uk/	

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SS5	6. Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans;	3. https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/618197/infectious-disease-the-green-book 4. https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/hsc13.pdf 5. https://www.hse.gov.uk/cosh/ 6. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2022/31/contents 7. https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-providers/regulations 8. https://isa-uk.org/healthcare/
SS5	7. Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;	
SS5	8. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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SS6	SS6: With regard to Security Management can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	This SAQ relates only to the Physical Security infrastructure and labour related to the security of NHS facilities and not fraud or cybersecurity.	
SS6	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	1. Outstanding	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Identified and allocated resources are stipulated in the policy 4. The organisation has in place a security management strategy as a standalone document or as part of a policy statement. 5. Evidence of a Security Policy, Violence and Aggression Policy. 6. Procedure for the dissemination of key and vital information e.g. security alerts. The organisation has clear policies and procedures in place for the security of all medicines and controlled drugs.	
SS6	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period; 4. Board nominated executive with the responsibility for overseeing security management 5. Nominated Qualified and Accredited Security Management Specialist to oversee and undertake the delivery of the full range of security management work - external/internal. 6. Evidence of internal (including capital development) and external liaison and involvement in local and national groups and with agency partners also to be included in job descriptions.	1. Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 2. National Counter Terrorism Security Office guidance 3. Human Rights Act 1998 4. Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 5. Guidance from the Surveillance Commissioners Office 6. General Data Protection Regulations 2018 7. Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 8. Criminal Law Act 1967 9. Following the principle of NHS Protect - Standards for providers 2017-18 Fraud, bribery and corruption 10. Health and Safety at work act 1974-1. 11. Updated - NHSE National Contract 22/23 Service condition 24 – counter fraud (previously 'Protect'), NHS Requirements (Government Functional Standards NHS Counter Fraud Authority (cfa.nhs.uk) 12. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 13. CQC Provider Handbooks 14. Marlyn's Law (currently under consultation - it is important to be aware of updates)
SS6	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers; 4. Risks identified include those related to; - Violent and aggressive individuals - Premises suitability - Lone working arrangements. - Evidence of Security assessment programme	1. Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 2. National Counter Terrorism Security Office guidance 3. Human Rights Act 1998 4. Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 5. Guidance from the Surveillance Commissioners Office 6. General Data Protection Regulations 2018 7. Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 8. Criminal Law Act 1967 9. Following the principle of NHS Protect - Standards for providers 2017-18 Fraud, bribery and corruption 10. Health and Safety at work act 1974-1. 11. Updated - NHSE National Contract 22/23 Service condition 24 – counter fraud (previously 'Protect'), NHS Requirements (Government Functional Standards NHS Counter Fraud Authority (cfa.nhs.uk) 12. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 13. CQC Provider Handbooks 14. Marlyn's Law (currently under consultation - it is important to be aware of updates)
SS6	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records 4. Evidence of security involvement in new builds. 5. Evidence of a managed and maintained security access control system	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/25/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2019/3/contents/enacted https://www.gov.uk/government/department/departments%3B%5Dnational-counter-terrorism-security-office https://www.npcp.police.uk/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/42/contents

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SS6	5. Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Evidence of the promotion of security awareness via multiple mediums 4. Evidence of tiered security training commensurate with duties based on a training needs analysis which is monitored, evaluated and reviewed as needed. 5. Demonstration of staff training in relation to incident reporting	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/25/contents https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/786444/Guide_to_the_Regulation_of_Surveillance.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2018/12/contents/enacted https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/4/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1967/58/contents https://cda.nhs.uk/resources/downloads/standards/Fraud_Standards_for_providers_2017-18.pdf https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150210_guidance_for_providers_on_meeting_the_regulations_final_01.pdf https://gb01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffa.nhs.uk%2Fgovernment-functional-standard%2FNHS-requirements&data=05%7C02%7Chayley.morris10%40nhs.net%7C0ba406cf220942e9a80bdc1bee2cc0%7C37C354b285b0475b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638415948376320929%7Cunknown%7CTWfP6GZab358eyJWlpMCAwLJAwMDALCjQjQjV2UuMzILCjBTl6l6K1haWwLjQjVjQl6l6l6%3D%7C03000%7C%7C%7C638415948376320929%7CpnmLORVCY%7ceczM0HPHDkLQm5T1jQOE%3D&reserved=0 https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150210_guidance_for_providers_on_meeting_the_regulations_final_01.pdf https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf https://www.proctepuk.police.uk/martyns-law/martyns-law-overview-and-what-you-need-know	
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SS6	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Demonstration that risks identified through assessment are sufficiently funded to enable mitigation and response 4. Annual report to board in relation to security management 5. Evidence of work plan and ongoing review and update of plan 6. Evidence that incidents where harm or injury occur or had the potential to occur are sufficiently followed up and investigated including where appropriate support being provided to victims.		
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SS7	SS7: With regard to Transport Services and access arrangements can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ covers fleet management and transport of goods and services on and between sites. It excludes patient transport apart from the management of taxi services. Related patient experience is covered in SAQ P5. Access arrangements may also be covered under SH2. This includes car parking.		
SS7	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
SS7	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;		
SS7	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;		
SS7	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	1. Health Technical Memorandum 07-03: Transport Management and Car Parking 2. Building Research Establishment BRE - BREAM Travel Plan documentation. 3. Net Zero Travel & Transport Strategy	
SS7	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports. 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records;	https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ https://kb.breem.com/knowledgebase/transport-assessments-and-transport-statements/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/net-zero-travel-and-transport-strategy/ https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/EST0018-001-EV-Guide-for-Fleet-Manager-WEB.pdf https://www.r-e-a.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Updated-UK-EVSE-	

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SS7	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans;	
SS7	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. <u>Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;</u>	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	E0	E0		
	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	E0	E0		
SS8	SS8: With regard to Pest Control can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable		1 Public Health Act 1961 2 Control of Pollution Act 1974 3 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 4 The Poisons Act 1972 5 The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulation 1988 6 Control of Pesticides Regulations 1986 7 Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 8 CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/Etc2/9-10/64/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/40 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/66 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/1988/1657/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uk/si/1986/1510/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/6780111117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations
SS8	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Preventative/corrective strategies; demonstration of documented process and procedure whereby non-compliance is identified and remediation strategies are developed and delivered.	
SS8	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;	
SS8	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers;	
SS8	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records	
SS8	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records.	
SS8	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.	
SS8	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Records of pest infestation, COSHH data sheets for pesticides, records of bait placement etc. 4. Documented evidence of audits and reviews to support compliance.	

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SS8	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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SS9	SS9: with regard Portering Services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	In line with local organisational portfolio for this area.		
SS9	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Patient transfer policy; 4. Infection control procedures and training.		
SS9	2: Roles and Responsibilities Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Trust management structure/organogram for this area; 2. Job descriptions including roles and responsibilities; 3. Key relevant Objectives for the period;		
SS9	3: Risk Assessment Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Risks reviewed and included in local risk register; 2. Mitigation strategies for areas of risk identified; 3. Review and inclusion of risks into Trust risk registers; 4. Risk assessments for injury from needles and exposure to harmful substances and bodily fluids		
SS9	4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Preventative/corrective maintenance strategies, together with statistical analysis of departmental performance e.g. response times, outstanding works, equipment down-time etc. 2. Planned preventative maintenance system in place; 3. Quality control/inspection records 4. Training matrix available	1. Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 2. Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1988 3. CQC Provider Handbooks https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukia/1988/1222/contents/made https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf	
SS9	5: Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Provision of sufficient training, instruction, supervision and information to enable all employees to contribute positively to their own safety and health at work and to avoid hazards and control the risks, including safe use of plant, service and test reports; 2. Training needs analysis for all staff and attendance records; 3. Manual handling training	To note we are working on guidance for portering which will be available for reference next year, covering: - Service strategy (workforce) - Technology and equipment - Policy - Working with clinical teams	
SS9	6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Assessment undertaken of resilience risks both direct and indirect; 2. Emergency response and business continuity plans developed and reviewed; 3. Regular testing of Emergency response and business continuity plans appropriate to identified risk levels; 4. Records of testing and responses of actual incidents collated, assessed and used to update risk and plans.		
SS9	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2: Good	2: Good	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Evidence of patient involvement and feedback. 4. Patient Feedback considered and actioned		
SS9	8: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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P1	P1: With regards to ensuring engagement and involvement on estates and facilities services from people who use the services, public and staff can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Not applicable	P1 replicates the CQC Provider handbooks KLOE R4 and assesses your processes for patient involvement, compliments and complaints	1. Data Protection Act 1998 2. Freedom of Information Act 2000 3. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014: 4. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 5. CQC Provider Handbooks 6. NHS England Transforming Participation in Health and Care – September 2013 7. The Kings Fund Research Paper; Patient Engagement and Involvement 8. The Kings Fund Research Paper; The Quality of Patient Engagement and Involvement in Primary Care 2010 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1998/29/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/9780111117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf https://www.england.nhs.uk/2013/09/trans-part/ https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gp-inquiry/patient-engagement-involvement https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/projects/gp-inquiry/patient-engagement-involvement
P1	1. Views and Experiences Are people's views and experiences gathered and acted on to shape and improve the services and culture?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Review of the Patient Led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) results and implementation of the outcomes;	
P1	2. Engagement Are people who use services, those close to them and their representatives actively engaged and involved in decision making?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Engagement process and methodology 2. Friends and Family Test 3. Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)	
P1	3. Staff Engagement Do staff feel actively engaged so that their views are reflected in the planning and delivery of services and in shaping the culture?	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements	
P1	4. Prioritisation Do leaders prioritise the participation and involvement of people who use services and staff?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Governance and process for dealing with feedback	
P1	5. Value Do both leaders and staff understand the value of staff raising concerns? Is appropriate action taken as a result of concerns raised?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Adherence to confidentiality policy 2. Feedback to stakeholders and patients	
P1	6: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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P2	P2: With regard to ensuring patients, staff and visitors perceive the condition, appearance, maintenance and privacy and dignity of the estate is satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues on condition, appearance, maintenance and P&D. Safety aspects are dealt with in the safety domain.	1. NHS England: Delivering same sex accommodation guidance. Responsibility transferred to NHSE/I in 2017. The DHSC guidance was revised and published in 2019. 2. Patient Led Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE). 3. Health Ombudsman 'Care and Compassion' report 4. National In-patient survey 5. Commission for dignity in Care for older people 'delivering dignity' report 6. Patient Association guidance and advice 7. Joint Committee on Human Rights 'The Human Rights of Older People in healthcare' 8. CQC Provider Handbooks https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/delivering-same-sex-accommodation/ https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/patient-led-assessments-care-environment-place/ https://www.ombudsman.org.uk/publications/care-and-compassion https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/surveys/surveys https://www.nhsconfed.org/resources/2012/06/delivering-dignity-securing-dignity-in-care-for-older-people-in-hospitals-and-care#:~:text=hospitals%20and%20care-Delivering%20Dignity%3A%20Securing%20dignity%20in%20care%20for,people%20in%20hospitals%20and%20care&text=Delivering%20Dignity%20is%20the%20final,underlying%20causes%20of%20poor%20care.https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/jt200607/jtselect/jtrights/156/156i.pdf https://www.patients-association.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/policy https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf
P2	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to the care environment (estate) and estates related privacy and dignity issues, for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services 7evelopments and improvements 8. Adherence to confidentiality policy 9. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 10. Complaints Procedure 11. Diversity considerations	
P2	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction with the estate and related privacy and dignity issues and is action taken on the results?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Monthly reporting of breaches of mixed-sex accommodation guidance 6. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	
P2	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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P3	P3: With regard to ensuring that patients, staff and visitors perceive cleanliness of the estate and facilities to be satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues on cleanliness. Safety aspects of cleanliness are covered in the safety domain.	
P3	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to cleanliness for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements 7. Adherence to confidentiality policy 8. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 9. Complaints Procedure 9. Diversity considerations	
P3	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the cleanliness and is action taken on the results?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	
P3	3. Cleaning Schedules Are Cleaning Schedules publicly available?	2. Good	1. Outstanding	1. Reviews of policy stating where schedules are available compared with actual checking of availability.	
P3	4: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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P4	P4: with regard to ensuring that access and car parking arrangements meet the reasonable needs of patients, staff and visitors can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues with access and car parking. Safety SAQ SS7 covers car park management and access arrangements	1.. NHS patient visitor and staff car parking principles 2022 2. Health Technical Memorandum 07-03 (2006): NHS car parking management 3. Car Parking Code of Practice 4. Healthcare Travel Cost Scheme https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-patient-visitor-and-staff-car-parking-principles https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/Private Parking Code of Practice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/help-with-health-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs/
P4	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to access and car parking for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	2. Good	1. Outstanding	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements 7. Adherence to confidentiality policy 8. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 9. Complaints Procedure 10. Diversity considerations	
P4	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	2. Good	1. Outstanding	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	
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P5	P5: With regard to providing a high quality and supportive environment for patients, visitors and staff in relation to Grounds and Gardens can your organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues with access and car parking. Safety SAQ SS7 covers car park management and access arrangements	1. The Occupiers Liability Act 1957 (amended 1984) 2. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 3. The Management of health and safety at Work Regulations 1999 4. Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 5. Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations 2002 6. Personnel Protective Equipment at Work Regulations 1992 7. Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulation 1999 approved code of practice 8. Workplace, Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 1992 approved code of practice and guidance 9. Work Equipment Provision and use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 10. First Aid at Work, Health and Safety Regulations 1981 11. Hand-Arm Vibration 12. Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 13. RIDDOR 2013 RIDDOR - Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 14. Working at Height Regulations 2005 15. BS ISO 15799:2003 Soil quality - guidance on eco-toxicological characterization of soils and soil materials 16. BS 3882:1994 Specification for topsoil 17. BS 6031:1981 Code of practice for earthworks 18. BS 7562-4:1992 Planning, design and installation of irrigation schemes guide to water resources 19. BS 4428:1989 guide of practice for general landscape operations (excluding hard surfaces) AMD 6784 20. BS 3882:1994 specification for topsoil and AMD 9938 21. BS 3936-1:1992 Nursery stock specification for trees and shrubs 22. BS 3936-5:1985 nursery stock specification for poplars and willows 23. BS 3936-10:1990 nursery stock specification for ground cover plants 24. BS 7370-3:1991 grounds maintenance recommendations for maintenance •
P5	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE External areas assessment relating to Grounds and Gardens for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Engagement process and methodology 4. PLACE training and trust results 5. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 6. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements 7. Adherence to confidentiality policy 8. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 9. Complaints Procedure 10. Diversity considerations 11. The local improvement plan is included within the Green Plan.	

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P5	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE External areas assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Surveys and questionnaires 2. Focus Groups 3. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 4. Patient, visitor and staff charter 5. Monthly reporting of breaches of mixed-sex accommodation guidance 6. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements	25. BS 3998:1989 recommendations for tree work and AMD 6549 Horticulture 26. BS EN 12579:2000 Soil improvers and growing media - sampling 27. BS EN 13037:2000 Soil improvers and growing media - determination of pH Turf 28. BS 3969:1998 Recommendations for turf for general purposes 39. BS 4428:1989 Code of practice for general landscape operations14 (excluding hard surfaces). 30. Horticultural Trades Association guidelines on plant handling and establishment 31. BS 1129 Specification for portable timber ladders, steps, trestles and lightweight stagings British Standards Institution 32. BS EN 131 Ladders (Specification for terms, types, functional sizes; Specification for requirements, testing, marking; User instructions; Single or multiple hinge-joint ladders) British Standards Institute https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1984/3 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1974/37/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1999/3242/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1998/2306/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2002/2677/regulation/7/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1992/2966/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1999/3242/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1992/3004/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1998/2306/contents/made https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1981/917/regulation/3/made https://www.hse.gov.uk/vibration/hav/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2007/19/contents https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/ https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2005/735/contents/made https://www.iso.org/standard/29085.html https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=0000000000001382025#:~:text=BS%203882%3A1994%20spec,files%20requirements,in%20situ%20topsoil%20or%20subsoil. https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000078031 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000285806 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000198326 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=0000000000001382025 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000262241 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000151386 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000209042 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000238150 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000194564 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000006469 https://standardsdevelopment.bsigroup.com/projects/1992-06005#/section https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=00000000000030260283 https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=000000000000198326 https://hta.org.uk/ https://shop.bsigroup.com/ProductDetail/?pid=0000000000001635045 https://landingpage.bsigroup.com/LandingPageSeries?UPI=BS%20EN%20131
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P6	P6: How does your organisation/site ensure that NHS catering standards are provided effectively and efficiently?	Applicable	Applicable	P1 covers the organisations processes whilst this SAQ identifies any specific feedback issues with Catering Services and also complying with Regulation 14. Safety aspects of food and catering are dealt with in the safety domain.	1. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 2. CQC Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations 3. National Specifications for healthcare cleanliness 2007 4. PAS:5748 5. NHS Estates (2000) Reducing food Waste in the NHS Department of Health. Better Hospital Food 6. Hospital Catering Association – Protected Mealtimes 7. Council of Europe Resolution food and nutritional Care in hospitals NHS England – 10 Key Characteristics of Good Nutritional Care in Hospitals 2006 8. Food Service at Ward Level with Healthcare food and Beverage Service Standards – a guide to ward level services – 2009 9. Water for Health – Hydration Best Practice Toolkit for Hospitals and Healthcare 10. NHS Executive 'Hospital catering delivering a quality service.' 11. NHS Code of Practice for the manufacture, distribution and supply of food, ingredients and food related products. 12. Improving Nutritional Care – a joint action plan from the department of health and nutrition summit stakeholders 13. HCA Ward Service guide 14. British Diabetic Association Improving Outcomes through Food and Beverage Services Nutritional & Hydration digest *15. Sustainable procurement: the GBS for food and catering services Official Government Buying Standards (GBS) for food and catering services" 16. NHS Standards Contract 17. The NHS Hospital Food Review 2020 18. British Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition - Malnutrition Screening Tool 19. Public Health England - Healthier and More Sustainable Catering Nutrition Principles 20. A Toolkit to Support the Development of a Hospital Food and Drink Strategy 21. CQC Provider Handbooks https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2014/978011117613/contents https://www.cqc.org.uk/files/guidance-providers-meeting-regulations https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hospital-cleaning-revised-specification-published https://www.bsigroup.com/en-GB/about-bsti/media-centre/press-releases/2014/december/Standard-for-providing-a-clean-and-safe-hospital-environment-is-revised/ Reducing waste in the NHS: an overview of the literature and challenges for the nursing profession - PubMed (nih.gov) http://www.hospitalcaterers.org/publications/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/nut-hyd/10-key-characteristics/ http://www.hospitalcaterers.org/publications/ https://www.choiceforum.org/docs/dohplan.pdf http://www.hospitalcaterers.org/publications/ https://www.bda.uk.com/uploads/assets/c24296fe-8b4d-4626-aeebb6cf2d92fcb/NutritionHydrationDigest.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sustainable-procurement-the-gbs-for-food-and-catering-services https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-standard-contract/ https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/929234/independent-review-of-nhs-hospital-food-report.pdf https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/523049/Hospital_Food_Panel_May_2016.pdf https://www.malnutritionselfscreening.org/self-screening.html https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/healthier-and-more-sustainable-catering-a-toolkit-for-serving-food-to-adults https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/499745/Toolkit_Feb_16.pdf https://www.cqc.org.uk/sites/default/files/20150325_asc_residential_services_provider_handbook_march_15_update_01.pdf
P6	1. Policy & Procedures Does the organisation have in place a policy for healthcare catering which is aligned to current National Standards for Healthcare Catering which has been reviewed via an MDT process within the last 3 years?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Internal structure to consider and action feedback 4. Adherence to confidentiality policy 5. Feedback to stakeholders and patients 6. Complaints Procedure 7. Benchmarking, KPIs and peer comparison process 8. Meetings and dialogue with CQC identifying improvements 9. Public/patient information e.g. handbooks, pre visit information	
P6	2. Regulation Does the organisation have a food and drink strategy as defined in the NHS Standard Contract	2. Good	2. Good	1. Review of relevant Policies and Procedures. 2. Nutritional screening programme identifying patient at risk from malnutrition and dehydration	
P6	3. Choice The organisation provides a choice of nutritious and appetising food and hydration, in sufficient quantities to meet patients needs	2. Good	2. Good	1. Review of relevant Policies and Procedures.	
P6	4. Equality issues Food and hydration meets any reasonable requirements arising from Equality issues e.g. from a patients religious or cultural background	2. Good	2. Good	1. Diversity considerations as set out in Policies and Procedures.	
P6	5. Information Patients have accessible information about meals and the arrangements for mealtimes, access to snacks and drinks throughout the day and night and to have mealtimes that are reasonably spaced and at appropriate times.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Patient, visitor and staff charter	
P6	6. Patient Led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to catering services for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Completed PLACE assessments reviewed and actioned; 2. PLACE training records	
P6	7. Other Assessments Is there a system/process in place, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients satisfaction with the service provided and is action taken on the results?	2. Good	1. Outstanding	1. Engagement process and methodology 2. Surveys and questionnaires 3. Focus Groups 4. Engagement feedback influencing services developments and improvements	
P6	8. Legal Standards Has the organisation complied with the estates related legally binding standards as detailed in the NHS Standard Contract	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Review of policies and procedures to ensure compliance.	
P6	9: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
	Capital cost to achieve compliance	£0	£0		
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P1	P1: With regards to ensuring engagement and involvement on estates and facilities services from people who use the services, public and staff can your organisation evidence the following?	
P1	1. Views and Experiences Are people's views and experiences gathered and acted on to shape and improve the services and culture?	
P1	2. Engagement Are people who use services, those close to them and their representatives actively engaged and involved in decision making?	
P1	3. Staff Engagement Do staff feel actively engaged so that their views are reflected in the planning and delivery of services and in shaping the culture?	
P1	4. Prioritisation Do leaders prioritise the participation and involvement of people who use services and staff?	
P1	5. Value Do both leaders and staff understand the value of staff raising concerns? Is appropriate action taken as a result of concerns raised?	
P1	6: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P2	P2: With regard to ensuring patients, staff and visitors perceive the condition, appearance, maintenance and privacy and dignity of the estate is satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	
P2	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to the care environment (estate) and estates related privacy and dignity issues, for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	
P2	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction with the estate and related privacy and dignity issues and is action taken on the results?	
P2	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P3	P3: With regard to ensuring that patients, staff and visitors perceive cleanliness of the estate and facilities to be satisfactory can your organisation evidence the following?	
P3	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to cleanliness for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	
P3	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the cleanliness and is action taken on the results?	
P3	3. Cleaning Schedules Are Cleaning Schedules publicly available?	
P3	4: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P4	P4: with regard to ensuring that access and car parking arrangements meet the reasonable needs of patients, staff and visitors can your organisation evidence the following?	
P4	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to access and car parking for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	
P4	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	
P4	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P5	P5: With regard to providing a high quality and supportive environment for patients, visitors and staff in relation to Grounds and Gardens can your organisation evidence the following?	
P5	1. PLACE Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE External areas assessment relating to Grounds and Gardens for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	

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P5	2. Other Assessments Is there a system/process, additional to PLACE External areas assessments, to measure patients and visitors satisfaction of the service provided and is action taken on the results?	
P5	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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P6	P6: How does your organisation/site ensure that NHS catering standards are provided effectively and efficiently?	
P6	1. Policy & Procedures Does the organisation have in place a policy for healthcare catering which is aligned to current National Standards for Healthcare Catering which has been reviewed via an MDT process within the last 3 years?	
P6	2. Regulation Does the organisation have a food and drink strategy as defined in the NHS Standard Contract	
P6	3. Choice The organisation provides a choice of nutritious and appetising food and hydration, in sufficient quantities to meet patients needs	
P6	4. Equality issues Food and hydration meets any reasonable requirements arising from Equality issues e.g. from a patients religious or cultural background	
P6	5. Information Patients have accessible information about meals and the arrangements for mealtimes, access to snacks and drinks throughout the day and night and to have mealtimes that are reasonably spaced and at appropriate times.	
P6	6. Patient Led Assessment of the Care Environment (PLACE) Assessment The organisation has completed the PLACE assessment relating to catering services for all relevant sites and published a local improvement plan.	
P6	7. Other Assessments Is there a system/process in place, additional to PLACE assessments, to measure patients satisfaction with the service provided and is action taken on the results?	
P6	8. Legal Standards Has the organisation complied with the estates related legally binding standards as detailed in the NHS Standard Contract	
P6	9: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	
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F1	F1: With regard to having a well-managed approach to performance management of the estate and facilities operations can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	HBN 00-08 Part A Section 2	1. CQC Guidance For Providers KLOE 2. Health Building Note 00-08 3. Developing an Estate Strategy 4. Estates Return Information Collection 5. Patient Lead Assessments of the Care Environment (PLACE) 6. In patient Survey 7. NHS Premises Assurance Model Metrics Dashboard - RICS Real Estate 8. ISO 55000/01/02 Asset Management 2004 ISO 55000:2014 Asset management — Overview, principles and terminology" Assessment framework for healthcare services showing changes from 2015 (cqc.org.uk) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-efficient-management-of-healthcare-estates-and-facilities-health-building-note-00-08 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-an-estate-strategy https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/patient-led-assessments-care-environment-place/ https://nhssurveys.org/surveys/survey/02-adults-inpatients/ https://www.rics.org/uk/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/real-estate/ https://www.iso.org/standard/55088.html	
F1	1: Analysing Performance A process in place to analyse estates and facilities services and costs and if these continue to meet clinical and organisational needs?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
F1	2: Benchmarking A process in place to regularly benchmark estates and facilities costs?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Ongoing review of costs on a consistent basis that measures progress against established baseline position 2. Benchmarking including the use of metrics and KPIs from suitable sources including: - Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) - Contract/Service Level agreement KPIs - Estate Strategy KPIs - Energy and sustainability targets - Cost Improvement Plan targets - NHS Model Hospital		
F1	3: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	2. Good	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. <u>Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future</u>		
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F2	F2: With regard to having a well-managed approach to improved efficiency in running estates and facilities services can the organisation evidence the following and is this in line with the ICS infrastructure strategy?	Applicable	Applicable	HBN 00-08 Part A Section 3	1. CQC Guidance For Providers KLOE 2. Health Building Note 00-08 - The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities Health Building Note 00-08 Part B: Supplementary information for Part A 3. Developing an Estate Strategy 4. Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) 5. NHS Premises Assurance Model Metrics 6. ISO 55000/01/02 Asset Management 2004 Assessment framework for healthcare services showing changes from 2015 (cqc.org.uk) https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes/ https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-an-estate-strategy https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection https://improvement.nhs.uk/resources/model-hospital/ https://www.iso.org/standard/55088.html	
F2	1: Business Planning An effective and efficient estate and facilities business planning process in place?	Not applicable	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Business plans.		
F2	2: Estate Optimisation An effective and efficient process in place to ensure estate optimisation and space utilisation?	Not applicable	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Space utilisation studies and monitoring of usage. 2. Response to NHS Long Term Plan of reduction to 30% non clinical space.		
F2	3: Commercial Opportunities An effective and efficient process in place to identify and maximise benefits from commercial opportunities from land and property that support the main business of the NHS ?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Market testing and cost benchmarking of contracts. 2. Land and property sale receipts. 3. Commercial Strategy or agreements such as letting of space for retail use.		
F2	4: Partnership working An effective and efficient process in place to investigate and implement improvements through partnership working?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Partnership Working, i.e. One Public Estate		
F2	5: New Technology An effective and efficient process in place to maximise the benefits from new technologies?	Not applicable	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. New Technology and Innovation - examples of product design or system implementation 2. IT strategy.		
F2	6: PFI and LIFT contracts An effective and efficient process in place to achieve value for money from existing PFI and LIFT contracts?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Date and outcome of PFI/PPP reviews and next steps.		
F2	7: Other contracts An effective and efficient process in place to achieve value for money from existing other contracts?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Market testing and cost benchmarking of contracts.		
F2	8. Property An effective and efficient process in place to record and managing property interest and leases held	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Asset/Estate Terrier		
F2	9. Cost Improvement plans A robust methodology for identifying the delivery and implications of cost improvement plans	Not applicable	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Regular and accurate submission of CIPs 2. Monitoring of progress of delivery		
F2	10. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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F3	F3: With regard to improved efficiencies in capital procurement, refurbishments and land management can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	HBN 00-08 Part A Section 4.0	1. Health Building Note 00-08, The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities Health Building Note 00-08 Part B: Supplementary information for Part A 2. NHS Model Health System 3. Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) 4. Building Cost information Service 5. Government Construction Strategy 6. ProCure22/ProCure23 guidance 7. Naylor Review: 8. Lord Carter Review: 9. NHS Long Term Plan: 10. NHS Net Zero Building Standard 11. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 1. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-efficient-management-of-healthcare-estates-and-facilities-health-building-note-00-08 2. https://model.nhs.uk/ 3. https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection 4. https://www.rics.org/uk/products/data-products/bcis-construction/ 5. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-construction-strategy 6. https://procure22.nhs.uk/ and https://procure22.nhs.uk/p23/ 7. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/naylor-review-government-response#:~:text=The%20Naylor%20review%20was%20a,response%20capitalises%20on%20those%20opportunities. 8. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/productivity-in-nhs-hospitals 9. https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/ 10. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-net-zero-building-standard/ 11. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117	
F3	1. Capital Procurement Capital procurement and refurbishment projects progressed in line with local standing orders and financial instructions and relevant procurement guidance, HM Treasury and DHSC and NHSE guidance.	Not applicable	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
F3	2. Capital project management Processes and procedures that ensure there are robust processes for the management of projects during construction including change control and lessons learnt/benefits realisation once projects are completed.	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Project governance documentation in line with capital management 2. Track how many projects are delivered on time or late and track that these were delivered within budget 3. Lessons learnt/benefits realisation and evidence of applying learning to subsequent projects		
F3	3.. Capital Procurement Efficiencies Capital procurement and refurbishment projects that actively seek efficiency such as through cost benchmarking, Building Information Modelling and repeatable designs?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Ongoing review of costs on a consistent basis that measures progress against established baseline position		
F3	4. Flexibility Capital procurement and refurbishment projects that actively seek flexible designs to accommodate changes in services?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Consideration of innovative design and building options e.g. "New for Old".		
F3	5. Identification and disposal of surplus land An effective and efficient process for the identification and disposal of surplus land?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Benchmarking including the use of metrics and KPIs from suitable sources 2. Surplus land identified in Annual Surplus Land Return, STP/ICS Estate Strategy, and EPIMS and shared through One Public Estate.		
F3	6.Net Zero Carbon Do the Capital Procurement Capital procurement and refurbishment projects include plans to meet national NHS net zero carbon targets?	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Site Level Heat decarbonisation plans (targets in Delivering a Net Zero NHS report and heat decarbonisation requirement within Green Plan Guidance) 2. The organisation considers the NHS Net Zero Building Standard when undertaking construction and refurbishment projects (Please note - Building Standard is mandatory for certain projects)		
F3	7: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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	Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	£0	£0		1. Health Building Note 00-08 - The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities 2. NHS Standing Financial Instructions -These Standing Financial Instructions detail the financial responsibilities, policies and procedures adopted by us. 3. Audit Commission Report 2004 - Achieving first-class financial management in the NHS 4. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 5. The Bribery Act 2010 - Guidance (publishing.service.gov.uk) 6. Leading the fight against NHS Fraud, organisational strategy 2017-2020 -Standards for NHS Providers 2020-21 Fraud, bribery and corruption January 2020 7. HFMA Finance training modules https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes/https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/standing-financial-instructions/http://www.wales.nhs.uk/documents/FinanceinNHS_Report.pdfhttps://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/102/contents/madehttps://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/832011/bribery-act-2010-guidance.pdfhttps://cfa.nhs.uk/resources/downloads/standards/NHS_Fraud_Standards_for_Providers_2020_v1.3.pdfhttps://www.hfma.org.uk/online-learning/bitesize-courses/detail/nhs-financehttps://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2F	
F4	F4: With regard to having well-managed and robust financial controls, procedures and reporting relating to estates and facilities services can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable			
F4	1: Policy & Procedures Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;		
F4	2: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Internal Audits 2. Financial controls and scheme of delegation 3. Business Case procedure and Capital regime		
F4	3. Board reporting and contracting Is there comprehensive and regular reporting relating to estates and facilities services to the trust board highlighting performance, risks and issues. Are contracts in place for all estates and facilities services, documenting requirements with appropriate ability to terminate or manage poor performance and defined change control arrangements.	Not applicable	2. Good	1. Board reports 2. Do you have robust change control and review of costs 3. Contracts in place for all services with appropriate provisions for cost control and service incentivisation		
F4	4: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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F5	F5: With regard to ensuring Estates and Facilities services are continuously improved and sustainability ensured can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ taken from CQC KLOE W5. Prompt 6 can be cross referred to SAQ F1 and Patient Experience SAQs		
F5	1. Quality and Sustainability When considering developments to estates and facilities services or efficiency changes (including derogations from standards and guidance), is the impact on quality and sustainability and net zero carbon targets assessed, understood and monitored, before, during and after the development?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Action from surveys and feedback. 4. Backlog Risk Assessment, impact assessment and mitigation and action plan.		
F5	2. Financial Pressure Are there examples of where financial pressures have negatively affected estates and facilities services?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Estates Incidents impacting on clinical care- ERIC returns, & feedback to EFM Division to NHS England and NHS Improvement.		
F5	3. Continuous Improvement Do leaders and staff strive for continuous learning, improvement and innovation?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Risk Assessments and Registers 2. Derogations documented with clinical impact assessment and clinical sign-off. 3. Training and Development plans and records.		
F5	4. Quality Improvements Are staff focused on continually improving the quality of estates and facilities services?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Regular assessments of quality outputs e.g. PLACE scores; 2. Inclusion of quality assessments in Costed Action Plans.		
F5	5. Recognition Are improvements to quality and innovation recognised and rewarded?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Staff suggestion scheme. 2. Staff awards and recognition.		
F5	6. Use of Information Is information used proactively to improve estates and facilities services?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Use of design evaluation tools.		
F5	7: Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;		
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E1	E1: With regard to having a clear vision and a credible strategy to deliver good quality Estates and Facilities services can the organisation evidence the following and is this inline with the ICS infrastructure strategy?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ is taken from CQC KLOE W1 and covers the estates and other related strategies as described in HBN 00-08 Part B section 2. Prompt 3 can be linked to SAQ PE1. Operational management is covered in SAQ S01	1. Developing an Estate Strategy document 2. Health Building Note 00-08 The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities 3. Health building Note 00-08The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities (part A): Land and Property Appraisal 4. Strategic Health Asset Planning & Evaluation (SHAPE) tool 5. RICS UK Commercial Real Estate Agency Standards. 6. RICS Guidance Notes- Real Estate disposal and acquisition. 7. Assets in Action 8. Healthcare providers: asset register and disposal of asset 9. Strategy development: a toolkit for NHS providers 10. Developing strategy What every trust board member should know 11.. Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS 12. NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report 13. Net Zero Guidance plan https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/developing-an-estate-strategy https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes/ https://shapeatlas.net/ https://www.rics.org/uk/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/real-estate/ https://www.rics.org/globalassets/rics-website/media/upholding-professional-standards/sector-standards/real-estate/uk-commercial-real-estate-agency-1st-edition-rics.pdf https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/144216/Assets_in_Action.pdf https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/healthcare-providers-asset-register-and-disposal-of-assets https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-development-a-toolkit-for-nhs-providers https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffuture.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/a-net-zero-nhs/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/green-plan-guidance/
E1	1. Vision and Values A clear vision and a set of values, with quality and safety the top priority?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Estates Strategy and related documents;	
E1	2. Strategy A robust, realistic strategy for achieving the priorities and delivering good quality estates and facilities services?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Documentary evidence relevant to the prompt questions e.g. document articulating the vision such as mission statement	
E1	3. Development The vision, values and strategy has been developed with staff and other stakeholders?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Regular discussions/meetings/exchanges with interested parties; 2. Integration of these discussions into Strategies and Visions/Values;	
E1	4. Vision and Values Understood Staff know and understand what the vision and values are?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Feedback from staff to quantify their understanding of visions, values and strategy e.g. staff survey results;	
E1	5. Strategy Understood Staff know and understand the strategy and their role in achieving it?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Feedback from staff to quantify their understanding of visions, values and strategy e.g. staff survey results;	
E1	6. Progress Progress against delivering the strategy is monitored and reviewed?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Staff, Patient and stakeholder engagement and feedback 2. Analysis of relevant complaints;	
E1	7: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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E2	E2: With regard to having a well-managed approach to town planning can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ measures compliance with HBN 00-08 Part B Section 3.0.	1. Health Building Note 00-08: The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities 2. Health building Note 00-08:The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities - Part A Land and Property Appraisal 3. Health Technical Memorandum 05 Fire code 4. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan 5.Health Technical Memorandum 07-02 6. Net Zero Travel & Transport Strategy https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-building-notes/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/net-zero-travel-and-transport-strategy/
E2	1. Local Planning An effective and efficient process to participate in Local Planning matters?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
E2	2. Neighbourhood Planning An effective and efficient process to participate in Neighbourhood planning matter?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Involvement in town planning issues. 2. Appropriate action when land and/or property is subject to compulsory purchase powers or potential or actual applications for registering as a town or village green	
E2	3. Planning Control An effective and efficient process to participate in planning control process?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Involvement in town planning issues 2. Trusts should be engaged with their ICBs regarding the local plan process. ICBs, alongside NHSE, are statutory consultees on local plans (but not planning applications). 3. Refer to ICS infrastructure strategy guidance the guidance includes reference to local area energy plans and local nature recovery strategies, which will support town planning.	
E2	4. Special Interests An effective and efficient process to manage special interests (e.g. conservation areas, listed buildings etc.) ?	2. Good	2. Good	1. The identification of all listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens, burial grounds and war memorials, and policies to deal with the specific requirements of these land and buildings 2. Preventing third parties gaining inappropriate rights over land and property 3. Management of easement agreements 4. Management of tenancy and other contractual arrangements 5. Where non-NHS facilities are used for NHS patients, that policies to ensure NHS standards regarding the built environment are adopted and implemented	
E2	5. Enforcement An effective and efficient process to deal with any enforcement procedures served on the organisation?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Has there been any enforcement actions from the Local Planning Authority in the year and, if so, whether these have been satisfactorily resolved	
E2	6: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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E3	E3: with regard to having a well-managed robust approach to management of land and property can the organisation evidence the following?	Applicable	Applicable	SAQ measures compliance with HBN 00-08 Part B Section 4.0 to 8.0	1. Health Building Note 00-08 - The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities 2. Health Building Note 00-08: The efficient management of healthcare estates and facilities - Part A Land and Property Appraisal 3. RICS UK Commercial Real Estate Agency Standards. 4. RICS Guidance Notes- Real Estate disposal and acquisition. 5. Assets in Action 6. Real estate management - 3rd edition, October 2016" 7. Healthcare providers: asset register and disposal of asset 8. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan
E3	1: Disposal of land and property An effective and efficient process for the disposal of freehold/leasehold land and property?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3 Evidence of a short and long term estate strategy supporting clinical, financial and investment objectives. 4. Evidence of optimising utilisation of accommodation across the estate, the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and Integrated Care Organisation footprint and with One Public Estate partners. 5. Evidence of masterplans for large sites which identify areas for retention, development and disposal 6. Involvement of District Valuer 7. Demonstration of re-investment of income. 8. Maintenance of an up-to-date and accurate property asset register 9. All statutory obligations to be identified and met 10. Preventing third parties gaining inappropriate rights over land and property 11. Management of easement agreements 12. Appropriate action when land and/or property is subject to compulsory purchase powers or potential or actual applications for registering as a town or village green 13. Where non-NHS facilities are used for NHS patients, that policies to ensure NHS standards regarding the built environment are adopted and implemented 14. The identification of all listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens, burial grounds and war memorials, and policies to deal with the specific requirements of these land and buildings	
E3	2: Granting of Leases An effective and efficient process for the granting of leases?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Management of leases, tenancy and other contractual arrangements	
E3	3: Acquisition of land and property An effective and efficient process for the acquisition of freehold/leasehold land and property?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3 Evidence of a short and long term estate strategy supporting clinical, financial and investment objectives. 4. Evidence of optimising utilisation of accommodation across the estate, the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and Integrated Care Organisation footprint and with One Public Estate partners. 5. Evidence of masterplans for large sites which identify areas for retention, development and disposal 6. Involvement of District Valuer 7. Maintenance of an up-to-date and accurate property asset register 8. All statutory obligations to be identified and met 9. Preventing third parties retaining inappropriate rights over land and property 10. Management of easement agreements 11. The identification of all listed buildings, conservation areas, registered parks and gardens, burial grounds and war memorials, and policies to deal with the specific requirements of these land and buildings 12. Consideration of mandatory energy efficiency ratings.	
E3	4: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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E4	E4: With regard to having a suitable Sustainability approach in place and being actioned.	Applicable	Applicable		
E4	1: Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy Has your Green Plan been approved by Board and submitted to the ICS / ICB	2. Good	2. Good	1. The Green Plan / Sustainability Strategies published on the Trust's website and has been updated within the last 3 years 2. The organisation tracks its progress using the Green Plan Support Tool 3. The Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy names an executive lead for sustainability 4. The Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy states progress against carbon emission reduction targets in line with the 'Delivering a net zero NHS report' 5. Alignment with STP/ICS estates strategy; 6. Green Plan is published on the Trust's website & has been updated within the last 3 years 7. Green plan states progress against carbon emission reduction targets in line with national NHS net zero targets.	1. Greener NHS » Delivering a net zero NHS 2. NHS Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Report 3. Net Zero Guidance plan 4. Net Zero Travel & Transport Strategy https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/net-zero-travel-and-transport-strategy/ 1. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/a-net-zero-nhs/ 3. https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/green-plan-guidance/ 4. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117
E4	2: Energy Is your energy usage, including heat, managed to fully deliver sustainability and effectiveness, and includes plans to meet national NHS net zero carbon targets?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. The organisation has evidence of TM44 Air Conditioning System Assessments 2. Organisations which qualify for the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (EUETS) have an EUETS assessor and can demonstrate relevant annual reporting systems 3. Organisations with Combined (Cooling) Heat and Power Plant (CHP/CCHP) have a CHP Quality Assurance (CHPQA) Certificate for Climate Change Levy (CCL) exemption for each unit installed 4. The organisation has a current energy efficiency policy 6. Evidence that utility bills are checked and validated before payment 7. The organisation has rolled out smart metering across the estate, or has a programme to roll out within the next 3 years 9. Monthly meter readings are taken and recorded, and automated readings validated physically 10. The organisation employs a dedicated (spends > 50% of their time working on energy management activities) energy manager / responsible person for energy 11. The Organisation is compliant to HTM 07-02; Making Energy work in Healthcare 12. The organisation has plans in place to implement the actions outlined in the Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Technical Annex. 13. Site Level Heat decarbonisation plans (targets in Delivering a Net Zero NHS report and heat decarbonisation requirement within Green Plan Guidance)	1. CIBSE TM44 : Inspection of Air Conditioning Systems 2. EU Emissions Trading System 3. Combined Heat and Power Quality Assurance Programme 4. Making energy work in healthcare (Health Technical Memorandum 07-02) 5. ISO 50001 Energy Management 6. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 7. NZCDP Technical annex 1. https://www.cibse.org/AirConditioning_1 2. https://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets_en 3. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/chpqa-guidance-notes 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/estates/health-technical-memoranda/ 5. https://www.iso.org/iso-50001-energy-management.html 6. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 7. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=151919557#
E4	3: Waste Are effective systems in place to minimise waste production and effectively dispose of it?	2. Good	2. Good	1. The organisation has a current waste management and minimisation policy 2. The organisation's Dangerous Goods Safety Advisor (DGSA) has reported within the last 12 months 3. The organisation can evidence completion of Pre-acceptance Audits? 4. The Trust can demonstrate processes to fulfil their Duty of Care for waste 5. The organisation holds regular contract review meetings 6. The organisation can evidence record receipt and review of monthly progress reports 7. The organisation holds regular operational meetings 8. The organisation conducts monthly independent audits of the service 9. The organisation maintains statutory waste records (disposal notes, destruction certificates) and compliance audits 10. The organisation can evidence staff waste 11. The organisation employs a dedicated (spends > 50% of their time working on waste management activities) waste manager / responsible person for waste 12. The organisation is compliant with HTM 07-01; Safe Management of Healthcare Waste 13. The organisation is compliant with the Clinical Waste Strategy 14. The organisation is compliant with the 20:20:60 split of Alternative Treatment, Incineration (clinical waste) and Offensive Waste volume	1. HTM 07-01; Safe Management of Healthcare Waste 2. NHS Clinical Waste Strategy 1. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/management-and-disposal-of-healthcare-waste-htm-07-01/ 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-clinical-waste-strategy/

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E4	4: Air Pollution Does your Trust have policies and procedures in place to control air pollution and an overview of these procedures is included within the Green Plan?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1.The organisation has completed the Clean Air Hospitals Framework Tool 2.The organisation has a Clean Air policy including anti-idling 3.The organisation has an action plan for tackling air pollution from its buildings 4. The organisation has an action plan for tackling air pollution from its own vehicles and those that visit the organisation's site(s) 5.The organisation keeps an FGAS register 6.The organisation has a plan for migrating to Zero Emission Vehicles 7. The organisation has an action plan to meet air pollution targets in the Long Term Plan	1. Clean Air Hospital Framework 2. Fluorinated gas (F gas): guidance for users, producers and traders 3. NHS Long Term Plan https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/online-version/chapter-2-more-nhs-action-on-prevention-and-health-inequalities/air-pollution/ https://www.globalactionplan.org.uk/clean-air-hospital-framework/ https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/fluorinated-gas-f-gas-guidance-for-users-producers-and-traders
E4	5.: Travel & Transport Can the organisation evidence an effective and efficient process to ensure staff commuting, patient & visitor travel, and the organisation's own fleet are sustainable and meet the relevant guidance?	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. The organisation has a sustainable travel plan. 2. Zero emissions vehicles are integrated into procurement practices - in-line with Net Zero Travel & Transport strategy. 3. A staff travel survey is completed at least every 24 months. 4. The organisation has a parking policy covering staff, patient & visitor travel. 5. The organisation provides secure bike storage, changing facilities and good quality on and off-site walking and cycling routes. 6. The organisation considers sustainable transport, flexible working and route planning/optimisation in its business travel (or similar) policy. 7. The organisation reports to the Greener NHS Fleet Data Collection	1. Net Zero Travel & Transport Strategy https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/net-zero-travel-and-transport-strategy/ 2. Health Technical Memorandum 07-03 NHS Car parking management, environment and sustainability 3. Delivering a Net Zero NHS https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/publication/delivering-a-net-zero-national-health-service/ https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/EST0018-001-EV-Guide-for-Fleet-Manager-WEB.pdf https://www.r-e-a.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Updated-UK-EVSE-Procurement-Guide.pdf
E4	6.: Water Are water services efficiently and effectively delivered?	Not applicable	3. Requires minimal improvement	1.The organisation has a water efficiency policy 2.Monthly meter readings are taken and recorded, and automated readings validated physically 3. The organisation has plans in place to implement the actions outlined in the Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Technical Annex.	1. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 2. NZCDP Technical annex 1. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 2. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=151919557
E4	7.: Climate Change Adaptation Are risk assessments of the effects of climate change risk assessment and mitigation action implemented and include references to overheating, flooding and extreme weather events?	4. Requires moderate improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1.The organisation has a climate change adaptation risk assessment on the Trust risk register 2.The organisation reports on estate related events, such as extreme weather events including flooding, heatwave and cold winter events 3. The organisation has plans in place to implement the actions outlined in the Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan Technical Annex.	1. Estates Net Zero Carbon Delivery Plan (NZCDP) 2. HBN 00-07 Resilience planning for the healthcare estate 3. Flood Risk Toolkit 4. NHS Climate Change Risk Assessment tool 5. Health and climate adaptation report 2025 1. https://future.nhs.uk/Estates_and_Facilities_Hub/view?objectId=155202117 2. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/resilience-planning-for-nhs-facilities-hbn-00-07/ 3. https://tabanalytics.data.england.nhs.uk/#/views/FloodRiskToolkit/TitlePage?=&null&iid=3 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/climate-adaptation-resources/ 5. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/health-and-climate-adaptation-reports/
E4	8.: Procurement Is all relevant procurement consistent with NHS England's net zero and sustainable procurement policies?	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1.The organisation takes account of the NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap and reports against compliance with this through the quarterly Greener NHS data collection. 2.The organisation considers the NHS Net Zero Building Standard when undertaking construction and refurbishment projects.	1. NHS Net Zero Supplier Roadmap 2. Greener NHS quarterly data collection 3. Applying net zero and social value in the procurement of NHS goods and services (building on PPN06/20) 4. Carbon reduction plan and net zero commitment requirements for the procurement of NHS goods, services and works (aligning to PPN06/21) 5. Evergreen Sustainable Supplier Assessment 6. NHS Net Zero Building Standard 1. https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/get-involved/suppliers/ 2. https://future.nhs.uk/sustainabilitynetwork/view?objectID=40822960 3. https://www.england.nhs.uk/greenernhs/publication/applying-net-zero-and-social-value-in-the-procurement-of-nhs-goods-and-services/ 4. https://www.england.nhs.uk/long-read/carbon-reduction-plan-requirements-for-the-procurement-of-nhs-goods-services-and-works/ 5. https://www.england.nhs.uk/nhs-commercial/central-commercial-function-ccf/evergreen/ 6. https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-net-zero-building-standard/
E4	9: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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E1	1. Vision and Values A clear vision and a set of values, with quality and safety the top priority?	
E1	2. Strategy A robust, realistic strategy for achieving the priorities and delivering good quality estates and facilities services?	
E1	3. Development The vision, values and strategy has been developed with staff and other stakeholders?	
E1	4. Vision and Values Understood Staff know and understand what the vision and values are?	
E1	5. Strategy Understood Staff know and understand the strategy and their role in achieving it?	
E1	6. Progress Progress against delivering the strategy is monitored and reviewed?	
E1	7: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Capital cost to achieve compliance Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	

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E2	E2: With regard to having a well-managed approach to town planning can the organisation evidence the following?	
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E2	2. Neighbourhood Planning An effective and efficient process to participate in Neighbourhood planning matter?	
E2	3. Planning Control An effective and efficient process to participate in planning control process?	
E2	4. Special Interests An effective and efficient process to manage special interests (e.g. conservation areas, listed buildings etc.) ?	
E2	5. Enforcement An effective and efficient process to deal with any enforcement procedures served on the organisation?	
E2	6: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	
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E3	E3: with regard to having a well-managed robust approach to management of land and property can the organisation evidence the following?	
E3	1: Disposal of land and property An effective and efficient process for the disposal of freehold/leasehold land and property?	
E3	2: Granting of Leases An effective and efficient process for the granting of leases?	
E3	3: Acquisition of land and property An effective and efficient process for the acquisition of freehold/leasehold land and property?	
E3	4: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Capital cost to achieve compliance Revenue consequences of achieving compliance	

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E4	E4: With regard to having a suitable Sustainability approach in place and being actioned.	
E4	1: Green Plan / Sustainability Strategy Has your Green Plan been approved by Board and submitted to the ICS / ICB	
E4	2: Energy Is your energy usage, including heat, managed to fully deliver sustainability and effectiveness, and includes plans to meet national NHS net zero carbon targets?	
E4	3: Waste Are effective systems in place to minimise waste production and effectively dispose of it?	

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E4	5.: Travel & Transport Can the organisation evidence an effective and efficient process to ensure staff commuting, patient & visitor travel, and the organisation's own fleet are sustainable and meet the relevant guidance?	
E4	6.: Water Are water services efficiently and effectively delivered?	
E4	7.: Climate Change Adaptation Are risk assessments of the effects of climate change risk assessment and mitigation action implemented and include references to overheating, flooding and extreme weather events?	
E4	8.: Procurement Is all relevant procurement consistent with NHS England's net zero and sustainable procurement policies?	
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G1	1. Framework There is an effective governance framework to support the delivery of the Estates and Facilities strategy and good quality services?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures;	
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G1	3. Partners Working arrangements with partners and third party providers, e.g. PFI, are effectively managed?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Local sustainability and transformation partnership plans	
G1	4. Framework The governance framework and management systems are regularly reviewed and improved?	2. Good	2. Good	1.Estate Strategy 2 Standing Orders	
G1	5: Assurance There are comprehensive assurance system and service performance measures, which are reported and monitored, and action taken to improve performance	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Evidence of walkarounds 2. Signed-of processes and procedures documentation, including risk register. 3. Signed-off roles and responsibilities documentation.	
G1	6. Monitoring There are effective arrangements in place to ensure that the information used to monitor, report (including regional and national data collections) and manage quality and performance is accurate, valid, reliable, timely and relevant (including PFI and non PFI costs).	2. Good	2. Good	1. Audit reports, peer and external reviews.	
G1	7. Audit There is a systematic programme of internal audit, which is used to monitor quality and systems to identify where action should be taken?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Surveillance Programme 2. Audit Programme	
G1	8. Mitigation There are robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	2. Good	2. Good	1. Job descriptions and training records for risk management. 2. Corporate, current risk register in place, with an identifiable owner. 3. Signed-off risk management strategy by the Board	
G1	9. Alignment There is alignment between the recorded risks and what people say is 'on their worry list'?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Evidence risks are passed into corporate risk register and actions taken, do not simply disappear without action	
G1	10: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?	Not applicable	Not applicable	1. Action plans to identify Capital and Revenue investment should address areas of non compliance identified in the NHS PAM and other assessments; 2. Evidence of escalation to Trust Board and relevant committees; 3. Inclusion of investment to deliver Actions in future budgets as appropriate; 4. Assessment of effect of prior identified investment;	
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G2	1. Effectiveness Leaders have the skills, knowledge, experience and integrity that they need and have the capacity, capability, and experience to lead effectively – both when they are appointed and on an ongoing basis.	3. Requires minimal improvement	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Job specification and competencies	
G2	2. Challenges Leaders understand the challenges to good quality estates and facilities services and can identify the actions needed to improve.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	3. Visibility Leaders are visible and approachable.	3. Requires minimal improvement	2. Good	1. Organograms and structure charts	
G2	4. Relationships Leaders encourage appreciative, supportive relationships among staff.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	5. Respect Staff feel respected and valued.	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	6. Behaviours Action is taken to address behaviour and performance that is inconsistent with the vision and values, regardless of seniority.	3. Requires minimal improvement	4. Requires moderate improvement	1. Performance reviews 2. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	7. Culture Is the culture centred on the needs and experience of people who use services?	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback 2.The organisation demonstrates that it undertakes a process to identify lessons from events and incidents, with a robust process for implementing the learning into new or amended organisational policy, procedure or ways of working	
G2	8. Honesty The culture encourages candour, openness and honesty.	2. Good	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Local and national staff surveys and feedback	
G2	9. Safety & Wellbeing There is a strong emphasis on promoting the safety, health and wellbeing of staff.	2. Good	2. Good	1. Policy and procedures relevant to E&F services relevant to the trust/site; 2. Regular assessment of policies and procedures; 3. Job specification and competencies	
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H1	2. How many primary HHLS does the trust have operating? (Primary HHLS are directly controlled by the NHS organisation).		1		
H1	3. How many secondary HHLS does the trust utilise? (Secondary HHLS are those not directly controlled by the NHS organisation, but used regularly.)		1		
H1	4. Who is the Accountable Manager (AM) for your HHLS? - Name		Free Text	Job Description and annual appraisal.	
H1	5. AM Email address		Free Text		
H1	6. AM Telephone number		Free Text		
H1	7. AM Job Title		Free Text		
H1	8. Hospital Operations Manual (HOM) Do you have an up-to-date and approved HOM for all your sites? It is owned by the Accountable Manager (AM) and can be delegated to the HHLS Responsible Person (RP) where required and sets the standards, procedures and best practise of the Helipads Operation and Maintenance		Yes		CAP 1264 Chapter 1 HOM Template provided by NHS England.
H1	9. Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies for Helipad and Estates Is there an up-to-date Risk Assessment in place, undertaken by a competent person alongside the Responsible Person/Accountable Manager? HHLS Risk Assessment be carried out annually or sooner if a reportable incident or near miss occurs.		no	Risk assessment and related documentation.	CAP 1264 Chapter 3.
H1	10. Where Coast Guard Search and Rescue (SAR) landings take place on the HHLS. Have you provided a signed letter from your Chief Executive confirming responsibility for the safety of the site in the appropriate format?		no		NHS England
H1	11. Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning. Are the HHLS integrated into the Organisation's resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans both for the organisation itself and for the region?		no		
H1	12: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?		no		
H1	13. Collaboration Has the organisation in undertaking the risk assessment processes collaborated with helipad users, fire and rescue services re pre-determined site attendance and police with regard to safety & security (in particular terrorism threat) and staff members whose role includes receiving patients from transferring a patient to a helicopter.		no		
H1	Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.		no	Detailed Action Plans: Outlining investments needed for compliance with the NHS Premises Assurance Model (PAM), including specific steps, timelines, and responsible parties. Financial Documentation and Risk Assessments: Detailed cost estimates and risk assessments for areas needing improvement. Board and Committee Escalation Evidence: Documentation showing board-level awareness and action plan discussions. Budget Inclusion Proof and Prior Investment. Assessment: Evidence of budgetary allocation for actions and analysis of the impact of previous investments. Compliance Tracking and Stakeholder Communication: Systems for monitoring action plan progress and evidence of stakeholder engagement. Legal and Regulatory Compliance Documents: References to documents guiding NHS helipad operations and safety standards.	

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H1	Revenue consequences of achieving desired improvements/outcomes		no		

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H1	H1. Confirmation of Safe Helipad Operations and Evidencing Planning and Implementation Practices: Can the organisation confirm they have processes in place to safely maintain the operation of their helipad? The Trust must demonstrate that it has established processes to ensure the safe and efficient operation of its helipad. This includes evidencing the planning and implementation of the helipad, with clearly defined responsibilities about quality, performance, and risk management. The organisation should also be able to evidence the planning and implementation of a helipad with clear responsibilities for quality, performance and risks, can the organisation evidence the following?	Not applicable	Not applicable	•Documented Safety Protocols and Procedures These documents should detail safety protocols for helipad operations, including emergency procedures, maintenance schedules, and guidelines for safe landings and take-offs. •Maintenance Records Regular helipad maintenance is essential. Logs and records must show consistent inspections and upkeep to required standards. •Training Records of Personnel Ensure all helipad personnel, ground staff, and emergency teams, are trained and qualified. Training records must confirm staff adherence to current safety practices and procedures. •Risk Assessment Documentation Evidence must show regular risk assessments for helipad operations, identifying and mitigating potential hazards. •Quality and Performance Monitoring Records Documentation should demonstrate the monitoring and evaluation of helipad operations, including incident logs, response times, and corrective actions taken. •Certifications and Compliance Reports Any relevant certifications or compliance reports that show the helipad meets national and international safety standards. •Operational Guidelines and Manuals Comprehensive operational manuals outlining procedures and responsibilities for safe helipad operation. •Emergency Response Plans Documentation of emergency response plans, including coordination with local emergency services and contingency plans for various emergency scenarios. •Feedback and Incident Reports Records of user feedback and incident reports for the helipad, including follow-up actions taken. •Insurance and Liability Documents Proof of appropriate insurance coverage and liability protections related to helipad operations. CAA training should be undertaken Hospital Helipad – Aviation Awareness Training Course by the UK CAA (caainternational.com)	
H1	1. Compliance Assessment and Policy Review: Adherence to CAP1264 and Downwash Helipad Considerations in the Trust: Policy, Procedures and Compliance: Is the organisation compliant and does the organisation have a current, approved policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with CAP1264? The Trust should have a responsible person able to demonstrate and a documented evidence/policy in relation to Downwash helipad factors and considerations within the Trust.	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	CAP1264 Compliance and Operations: The Trust must have documentation proving its helipad design and operations comply with CAP1264 standards. This includes assessing the helipad's layout, safety features, and protocols. Approved Helipad Policy: A regularly reviewed helipad policy, in line with CAP1264 guidelines, should be established. It should encompass emergency procedures, maintenance, and staff training. Documented Evidence/Policy for Downwash Considerations: Downwash Factors Records and analyses are needed to manage helicopter downwash, a key safety concern in helipad design and operations, in accordance with CAP1264. Responsibility and Documentation Appoint a responsible person or team knowledgeable in CAP1264 to oversee helipad operations. Their role includes managing documentation related to downwash, including risk assessments, mitigation strategies, and staff training. Regular Audits and Reviews Conduct frequent audits to ensure the Trust's helipad policies and procedures remain compliant with CAP1264. These should review downwash management and adapt to changes in helicopter technology or operational practices.	

H1	2. Roles and Responsibilities Ensuring Qualified Personnel and Clear Governance Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, trained, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood? When developing the policy and procedures have you consulted with internal and external stakeholders? The Trust should have a responsible person and a documented evidence/policy in relation to general helipad factors and considerations within the Trust.	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	Governance Structure Documentation This should outline the overarching framework within which helipad operations are conducted. It includes details on decision making processes, accountability and how different roles within the organisation contribute to helipad management. Organisational Structure Chart This chart should visually represent the hierarchy and reporting lines relevant to helipad operations. It clarifies who is responsible for what, ensuring that roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and understood. Post Profiles and Training Records Detailed job descriptions for each role involved in helipad operations, along with records of individual training, are crucial. These profiles should include specific qualifications, competencies, and experience required for each position. Training records prove that staff members have been adequately trained for their roles. Evidence of Training and Development Documentation should be provided to show that all staff involved in helipad operations have received proper training. This includes training that meets safety, technical, and quality requirements. Evidence may include certificates, course completion records, and ongoing professional development logs. Specific Training Certifications For instance, the CAA training for Hospital Helipad - Aviation Awareness. This specialised training, offered by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), ensures that staff is aware of aviation-specific considerations and safety practices related to helipad operations. To ensure comprehensive compliance, the Trust should have a designated responsible person who can present and manage these documents. This individual should be well-versed in the operational aspects of the helipad and the regulatory environment. They should also be capable of liaising with both internal and external stakeholders to ensure that all policies and procedures are up-to-date, effective, and widely understood. Regular consultations with stakeholders, including emergency services, aviation experts, and hospital staff, are vital for maintaining a safe and efficient helipad operation.
H1	3. Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategies for Helipad and Estates In relation to this, has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?	Not applicable	Not applicable	Documented Risk Assessment Report This should include a comprehensive risk assessment of the helipad and surrounding estate. The report should detail identified risks, the likelihood of occurrence, potential impact, and the scoring methodology used to prioritise risks. Mitigation Strategies and Implementation Evidence Documentation should be provided showing the specific risk mitigation strategies that have been applied. This could include engineering controls, procedural changes, training programs, or any other relevant measures. Evidence of implementation might include records of changes made, training completed, or equipment installed. Regular Review and Update Records Compliance requires not just a one-time assessment but ongoing monitoring and reassessment of risks. Documentation should show how often the risk assessment is reviewed and updated and how new risks or changes in the environment are incorporated. Alignment with Civil Aviation Authority Standards Evidence should be presented that the organisation's risk assessment and mitigation strategies are in line with the Civil Aviation Authority's Standards for helicopter landing areas at hospitals, as detailed in CAP 1264. This might include a comparative analysis or a compliance checklist. Audit and Inspection Reports Regular audits or inspections of the helipad and related facilities can provide evidence of compliance. These reports should detail the findings of the audits, any non-compliances identified, and how these were addressed. Incident and Accident Records Records of any incidents or accidents related to the helipad should be maintained. This includes how these incidents were investigated and what measures were taken to prevent recurrence. Stakeholder Consultation Records Documentation of consultations with stakeholders, including hospital staff, emergency services, and aviation experts, can provide evidence of a thorough and inclusive risk assessment process. Training Record Evidence of training provided to relevant staff in helipad operations and safety can demonstrate commitment to risk mitigation. Emergency Response Plan A documented emergency response plan specific to helipad operations should be available, detailing procedures for various potential emergencies.
	4. Risk assessment - Regulatory Differences between Ground-Based and Elevated Helipads When conducting fire risk assessments and ensuring compliance with relevant guidelines for NHS helipads, please confirm the Trust understands the distinct regulatory considerations for ground-based and elevated helipads.		3. Inadequate	Ground-Based Helipads Accessibility: Ground-based helipads typically offer easier access to emergency services and fire-fighting equipment. This accessibility needs to be factored into the risk assessment and mitigation strategies. Surrounding Environment The assessment must consider the immediate environment around the helipad, including the types of surfaces (grass, concrete, etc.) and nearby structures or natural features that might influence fire risk. Elevated Helipads (such as on rooftops) Structural Integrity Elevated helipads require careful assessment of the building's structural integrity to support the helipad's weight, especially during fire emergencies. Evacuation Routes Special attention must be given to evacuation routes and emergency access, as elevated helipads may present more challenges in these areas compared to ground-based helipads. Wind and Weather Conditions Elevated helipads are more exposed to wind and other weather elements, which can impact fire behaviour. This must be considered in the fire risk assessment. Fire Suppression System Due to their location, elevated helipads may require specialised fire suppression systems that are effective at higher elevations and in potentially limited spaces. In both cases, the NHS Trust should ensure compliance with the Civil Aviation Authority's standards (CAP 1264) and incorporate specific guidelines for each type of helipad into their overall fire risk management strategy. Regular training, emergency drills, and clear documentation are crucial components of this strategy, regardless of the helipad type.

Possible updates to follow 2023/24

H1	5. NHS Helipad Fire Risk Assessment and Compliance Guidelines Has there been a specific fire risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed? Has this assessment taken into account the helipad and the potential healthcare buildings in its curtilage In addition the Trust should have a responsible person and a documented evidence/policy in relation to Fire risk regarding helipad factors and considerations within the Trust.	Not applicable	Not applicable	Specific Fire Risk Assessment for the Helipad Area The NHS Trust should conduct a thorough fire risk assessment specifically for the helipad area. This assessment should consider all potential fire hazards associated with helicopter operations, including fuel, electrical systems, and potential ignition sources. The assessment should also consider the unique characteristics of the helipad, such as its location, size, and proximity to healthcare buildings and other infrastructure. Regular Review and Update of the Fire Risk Assessment The fire risk assessment should not be a one-time activity. It needs to be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect any changes in the operating environment, new helicopter models, or changes in surrounding infrastructure. Regular reviews ensure that any new risks are identified and mitigated promptly. Risk Mitigation Strategies Based on the findings of the fire risk assessment, the Trust should implement appropriate risk mitigation strategies. These might include fire suppression systems, emergency response plans, and safety protocols for fuel handling and storage. The effectiveness of these mitigation strategies should be regularly tested and evaluated. Documentation and Policy The Trust should maintain comprehensive documentation of the fire risk assessment process, including the findings, decisions made, and actions taken. This documentation serves as evidence of compliance with relevant guidelines and legislation. There should also be a clear policy outlining the responsibilities and procedures related to fire risk management at the helipad. Responsibility and Training The Trust should designate a responsible person or team to oversee fire safety at the helipad. This individual or team should have the necessary training and expertise in fire risk management and helicopter operations. Regular training and drills should be conducted for all staff involved in helipad operations to ensure they are aware of fire risks and know how to respond in an emergency. Compliance with Civil Aviation Authority Standards The Trust's risk assessment and mitigation strategies should take into account the relevant sections of the Civil Aviation Authority's Standards for helicopter landing areas at hospitals, outlined in CAP 1264. This includes ensuring that the design, operation, and maintenance of the helipad meet the safety standards set by the Civil Aviation Authority.	
H1	6. Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff in relation to helipad and the estate.	Not applicable	2. Good	Business Continuity Audit Reports for Helipads: These reports analyse an organization's capacity to maintain operations amidst major disruptions like natural disasters or cyber attacks, with a focus on helipad operations and continuity measures. Trust's Incident Response Plan for Helipads: A detailed plan outlining response procedures for incidents impacting the helipad, including emergency medical situations and natural disasters. Committee/Group Terms of Reference: Document detailing the responsibilities of the committee overseeing the helipad's emergency and business continuity plans, including test frequency, scope, and review processes. Corporate Risk Register for Helipad Operations: A comprehensive list of risks related to helipad operations, detailing the nature, likelihood, impact, and mitigation measures for each risk, regularly updated and maintained by an assigned owner. Board-Approved Risk Management Strategy: A strategy document outlining the approach to managing helipad risks, aligning with the organization's broader risk management policies, and subject to periodic review. Board-Signed Incident Response and Business Continuity Plans: Documents detailing emergency response and continuity strategies for the helipad, indicating organizational commitment to preparedness and safety. Stakeholder Collaboration in Risk Assessment and Meeting Records: Documentation evidencing collaboration with stakeholders, including helipad users, emergency services, and staff, in risk assessment processes, and minutes from meetings discussing safety, security, and operational procedures. Compliance Tracking and Stakeholder Communication: Systems for monitoring action plan progress and evidence of stakeholder engagement.	
H1	7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	1. Annual reviews of standards, policies and procedures documented; 2. Outputs of reviews and their inclusion in Action Plans; 3. Receiving, checking and authorising invoices for payment for additional services; 4. Monitoring Contractors' approach to rectifying defects; 5. Problem solving and dispute (prevention and) resolution where issues exist. 6. Establish and maintain appropriate records and information management systems to record and manage the performance of the Sub-Contractors; 7. The organisation demonstrates that it undertakes a process to identify lessons from events and incidents, with a robust process for implementing the learning into new or amended organisational policy, procedure or ways of working' 8. The ability to report on the regulatory requirements regarding safer wards (ligature). 9. Demonstrate clear ability to report on never events relating to estates and facilities items (window restrictors/non collapsible rails/surface temperature) particularly when in relation to Mental health facilities and A&E wards.	
H1	8. Collaboration Has the organisation in undertaking the risk assessment processes collaborated with helipad users, fire and rescue services re pre-determined site attendance and police with regard to safety & security (in particular terrorism threat) and staff members whose role includes receiving patients from/transferring a patient to, a helicopter	Not applicable	3. Requires minimal improvement	1. Working with relevant organisations to ensure best practice is followed. 2. Consider external sites being used	
H1	9. Costed Action Plans If any ratings in this SAQ are 'inadequate' or 'requires moderate or minor improvement' are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance? Costs can be entered below.	Not applicable	1. Outstanding	Detailed Action Plans: Outlining investments needed for compliance with the NHS Premises Assurance Model (PAM), including specific steps, timelines, and responsible parties. Financial Documentation and Risk Assessments: Detailed cost estimates and risk assessments for areas needing improvement. Board and Committee Escalation Evidence: Documentation showing board-level awareness and action plan discussions. Budget Inclusion Proof and Prior Investment Assessment: Evidence of budgetary allocation for actions and analysis of the impact of previous investments. Compliance Tracking and Stakeholder Communication: Systems for monitoring action plan progress and evidence of stakeholder engagement. Legal and Regulatory Compliance Documents: References to documents guiding NHS helipad operations and safety standards.	
H1	Capital cost to achieve desired improvements/outcomes	£0	£0	Capital Cost Analysis and Legislative Alignment Detailed Cost-Benefit Analysis: Breakdown of costs and benefits of helipad improvements, including patient care and operational efficiency. Post-Implementation Review Plan: Outline for evaluating helipad performance and impact after implementation. Revenue Implications of NHS Helipad Improvements	

Ref.	Revenue consequences of achieving desired improvements/outcomes	£0	£0	Cost-Benefit Analysis and Comparative Case Studies: Financial analysis of improvements and case studies from similar healthcare facilities. Regulatory Compliance and Projected Revenue Impact Reports: Documentation on compliance with laws and projected revenue changes. Stakeholder Feedback and Performance Metrics: Input from various stakeholders and clear metrics for evaluating improvement outcomes. Risk Analysis and Sustainability Assessments: Financial risk identification and assessments of long term sustainability.	
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Facilities Management (FM) Maturity

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Integrated	Integrated Leadership		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q1 How integrated is facilities management - Soft Services?	2	Soft services is devolved around the organisation without a central "controlling mind".	A central team exists that manage a range of core buildings directly but are not fully integrated	Soft services is integrated with a clear centre of expertise with delivery coordinated centrally		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q2. How integrated is facilities management - Hard Services?	2	Hard services is devolved around the organisation without a central "controlling mind".	A central team exists that manage a range of core buildings directly but are not fully integrated	Hard services is integrated with a clear centre of expertise with delivery coordinated centrally		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q3. How integrated is Property Leadership?	2	FM works in a silo, reactive to demand with little engagement with wider property leadership	FM links in some what with construction, design and asset management teams, but gaps remain.	leadership across the wider property function is integrated and aligned. Total cost of ownership is considered and understood across all aspects of asset lifecycle.		
	CAFM		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q4. How integrated are your FM Management IT Systems?	2	No CAFM, basic spreadsheets or similar used to monitor and manage FM.	Several systems in use, e.g. asset management system, CAFM, finance system, supplier system. Limited or no integration. Multiple versions of the truth.	A combination of systems are used between departments and suppliers, but a recognised master system is in place, showing one version of the truth.	An integrated CAFM is in use holding all but financial data, which is held in corporate finance system.	Organisation has a single, integrated CAFM system holding a single version of the truth, with other key systems feeding into a master system.
	Collaborative		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q5 - How closely does FM management work with the FM delivery organisation(s)?	1	Minimal, adversarial relationship	Weekly or monthly meet	Regular, joint meetings held taking both a backwards look at performance and a forward look at opportunity for improvement and upcoming changes	Genuine partnership, both sides work in an open and honest way to improve service delivery, built on trust. Very little discussion on poor performance or penalties.	A fully open and trusting relationship, working both ways to improve performance and value
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q6 - How strategic and effective are supplier relationships?	1	Supplier relationships are transactional only.	A supplier relationship model (SRM) is in place (See CCS)	Open and honest conversations about what can be done both sides to improve outcomes. Service plans are jointly developed with each party inputting to one another. Topics such as profit, overheads, investment and supplier sustainability are openly discussed. An effective SRM model is in place.		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q7 - How transparent is FM delivery between the management organisation and delivery organisation?	2	No transparency regarding performance or cost.	Data held by supplier but	Organisation has real time access to key data in a transparent and open way and is regularly audited.		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q8 - Does the FM team collaborate outside of the management organisation?	1	Little engagement with wider government departments, occasional attendance at events or key meetings.	Actively involved in cross	In addition to formal cross gov groups, work closely with equals and leadership in other government departments to share best practice and go develop solutions, driving continuous improvement and innovation.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4+	

Delivery Excellence	Compliance	Q9 - How effective is your hard compliance management approach?	2	Limited compliance monitoring. Majority of compliance sits supplier side with little departmental oversight. Different approaches used in different buildings or parts of the organisation. No agreed, defined specification or policy.	Most compliance activity is done supplier side and suppliers retain key info. Key risk items are held by department for oversight. Compliance data is regularly validated.	Able to evidence compliance on high risk items (Asbestos, Water, Fixed Wiring, Fire, Gas, Lifts). Wider compliance held client side but regularly validated with robust QA.	Able to prove compliance. Compliance reporting and monitoring is done in a regular basis, data is complete. Governance in place to ensure continued compliance and spot potential risks. Department has full visibility of compliance data and is validated through robust QA.	
		Scoring		1	2	3	4+	5
		Q10 - How effective is your soft compliance management approach?	2	Limited compliance monitoring. Majority of compliance sits supplier side with little departmental oversight. Different approaches used in different buildings or parts of the organisation. No agreed, defined specification or policy.	Most compliance activity is done supplier side and suppliers retain key info. Key risk items are held by department for oversight. Compliance data is regularly validated.	Able to evidence compliance on high risk items (security, risk assessments, data). Wider compliance held client side but regularly validated with robust QA.	Able to prove compliance. Compliance reporting and monitoring is done in a regular basis, data is complete. Governance in place to ensure continued compliance and spot potential risks. Department has full visibility of compliance data and is validated through robust QA.	
		Scoring		1	2	3+		
	Standards and Best Practice	Q11 - How well standardised is FM management in line with industry best practice? (E.g. ISO)	2	No use or monitoring of standards and industry best practice. No feedback mechanism in place for service users, demand organisation or service provider to gauge user satisfaction. Outdated or inflexible specifications used, requiring complex and slow change control.	Use of some industry standards, but less maturity on other aspects	Full awareness of standards and industry best practice. Strong understanding of how to meet standards within scope of service agreement. Incentivisation and robust monitoring in place to ensure standards are met.		
		Scoring		1	2	3+		
		Q12 - How well standardised is FM delivery in line with industry best practice? (E.g. SFG20, CCS)	2	No use or monitoring of standards and industry best practice. No feedback mechanism in place for service users, demand organisation or service provider to gauge user satisfaction. Outdated or inflexible specifications used, requiring complex and slow change control.	Use of some industry standards, such as SFG20 but less maturity on other aspects.	Full awareness of standards and industry best practice. Strong understanding of how to meet standards within scope of service agreement. Incentivisation and robust monitoring in place to ensure standards are met.		
		Scoring		1	2	3+		
	Defined Roles	Q13 - How well defined are FM roles and responsibilities within Hard Services?	2	Duplication of services or gaps through unclear supplier responsibilities. Siloed, focused on single function etc. Poorly trained staff (undertaking tasks outside of their service scope).	Suppliers work in clearly defined roles, understand their responsibilities. Well trained staff, multi-skilled staff understand their scope and deliver to high standard. Quality monitoring in place, monitoring of performance metrics.	Clearly defined roles and responsibilities. KPI's used to track performance. Customer feedback captured. "business as usual" to drive continuous improvement in service delivery.		
		Scoring		1	2	3+		
		Q14 - How well defined are FM roles and responsibilities within Soft Services?	2	Duplication of services or gaps through unclear supplier responsibilities. Siloed, focused on single function etc. Poorly trained staff (undertaking tasks outside of their service scope).	Suppliers work in clearly defined roles, understand their responsibilities. Well trained staff, multi-skilled staff understand their scope and deliver to high standard. Quality monitoring in place, monitoring of performance metrics.	Clearly defined roles and responsibilities. KPI's used to track performance. Customer feedback captured. "business as usual" to drive continuous improvement in service delivery.		
		Scoring		1	2	3	4+	
	Enabling	Q15 - How flexible is FM to changing business needs?	2	FM works on fixed price	Part fixed, part variable	Work in partnership with suppliers to continually improve support for changing business objectives.	Supplier is engaged in the organisations service and strategy planning and understands their role. They work in partnership to proactively deliver change.	
		Scoring		1	2	3	4+	

Strategic	FM Strategy	Q16 -How strategic is FM?	2	No FM strategy or service plan. FM is delivered in a reactive way.	Basic FM strategy and ser	FM Strategy in place, con	Long-term vision of what good FM looks like and how to get there. Consideration for external impact (e.g. sustainability) fully embedded into delivery model with robust monitoring and reporting in place. Horizon scanning undertaken including strategic risk management. Strategy fully aligned with aims and values of department/	
			Scoring	1	2	3		
	Governance	Q17 -Do you have effective FM governance in place?	2	No management/minimal management. Risk poorly allocated.	Following recognised governance, for example RICS Public sector asset management guide or functional standard on governance.	Clear, best in class and effective governance arrangements in place. Understood by organisation with clear roles and responsibilities.		
Intelligent	Intelligent Client		Scoring	1		3	4+	
		Q18 -Do you have a clear definition and recognised Intelligent client function?	1	The ICF is dispersed without a clear, recognised function.		A recognised intelligent client function is in place, with defined roles and responsibilities, recognised by the wider organisation and has the capabilities and capacity required to be effective.	A highly effective ICF is in place with it's value recognised at an organisational level.	
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
	Control Levers	Q19 - Is an effective client department in place?	2	No recognisable client department, a number of individuals within the organisation may be responsible for various aspects	An identifiable client department is in place, acting as a conduit between the wider organisation and the delivery organisations to maximise value.	A strong and effective client department is in place, with centralised oversight of all aspects of FM.		
				1	2	3+		
		Q20 -How well do you understand the levers to improve performance?	1	A basic understanding of levers available in the contract, primarily performance failure driven	A good understanding of commercial, financial and quality control levers and their impact of performance	Regular, demonstrable use of all types of control levers to drive continuous improvement		
	Management structure		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q21 - Is there sufficient management, capability and capacity to be effective? Are roles clear?	2	Unclear roles and responsibilities, disjointed management with FM and property spread over multiple departments, devolved FM model - no "corporate landlord".	A defined, central FM team undertaking most FM duties, but with some aspects still devolved.	Clearly defined roles and responsibilities, appropriate capacity and capability to effectively discharge duties in a timely manner. Centralised "Centre of expertise" and an effective corporate landlord in place.		
	Forward Planning		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q22 - How proactive is FM service delivery in your organisation?	1	Reactive works only, failure driven.	Short term planning - next financial year only.	Accurate condition data driving an FMR based on risk and asset criticality, long term view and whole life costing.		

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			Scoring	1	2	3+		
Data Structure	Hierarchy	Q1 - What level of location hierarchy is asset data captured against?	3+	Asset level data is captured against the site and building it is in.	Asset level data is captured against the site, building, floor and location it is in.	Asset level data is captured against the site, building, floor, location and system it is in.		
	Data Specification		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q2 - Is there a consistent data specification aligned to the FM asset data standards (4.2)?	3	No defined data specification for FM asset data.	Defined data specification for FM asset data is not aligned to the data standard (4.2.1).	Defined data specification for FM asset data is consistently aligned to the data standard (4.2.1).	Defined data specification for FM asset data is consistently aligned to the data standard for 'core' (4.2.1) and inconsistently aligned to 'non-core' fields (4.2.2).	Defined data specification for FM asset data is consistently aligned to the data standard for 'core' (4.2.1) and 'non-core' fields (4.2.2).
		Q3 - How consistently is the data specification applied across the estate?	Scoring	1	2	3+		
Data Assurance & Quality	Coverage and Completeness		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q4 - What is the level of coverage of assets in the asset register data?	3+	The asset data covers some assets in some estates.	The asset data covers all assets in some estates but only some assets in other estates.	The asset data covers all assets in all estates.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q5 - How complete is the data captured against assets in the asset register?	3	Data is not captured against assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1).	Data is captured against some assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1).	Data is captured against all assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1).	Data is captured against all assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1) and some assets for the 'non-core fields' in the data standard (4.2.2).	Data is captured against all assets for the 'core fields' in the data standard (4.2.1) and all assets for the 'non-core fields' in the data standard (4.2.2).
	Audit		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q6 - Is a full asset verification exercise required to update the asset register (5.1)?	3+	Data is out of date or incomplete and requires a full asset verification exercise.	Data is out of date or incomplete for parts of the estate and requires a targeted asset verification exercise.	Data is up to date and complete. An asset verification exercise is not currently required.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q7 - What regular sample surveys exist for on-going asset verification (5.2)?	3	No / limited sample surveys.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc sample surveys for some of the estates.	Consistent and regular sample surveys for all estates. There is a defined methodology to logically work through the all estates over time.	Sample surveys with verifications utilising digital enablers to increase the speed and coverage of surveys in some parts of the estate.	Sample surveys with verifications utilising digital enablers to increase the speed and coverage of surveys in all estates.
	Data Quality Control		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q8 - What processes are in place for change control/approvals for adding, removing or changing an asset (5.3)?	3	No / limited processes in place.	Inconsistent processes exist covering some parts of the estate.	Consistent processes exist covering all estates with clear responsibilities for approvals and tracking of changes.	Partially automated processes with frequent updates to change log.	Automated processes across all estates with close to real-time updates to change log.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q9 - What processes are in place for data quality checks (5.4)?	3	No / limited processes in place.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc processes exist using basic checks covering some parts of the estate.	Consistent and regular processes exist using checks based on business rules covering all estates.	Partially automated processes using data quality check algorithms and data quality dashboards.	Automated processes using real-time data quality check algorithms, business rules, quality control dashboards and user feedback.

			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q10 - What processes are in place for data update assurance (5.5)?	3	No / limited processes in place.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc processes exist using minimal data quality checks covering some parts of the estate.	Consistent and regular processes exist using verification tools and update logs covering all estates.	Partially automated processes using controls for flagging erroneous records, identifying data and high-quality update logs covering parts of the estate.	Automated processes using controls for flagging erroneous records, identifying data and high-quality update logs covering all estates.
		Governance	Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
			3	No / limited governance / informal group for asset data quality.	A dedicated asset data-quality governance group/board exists but meets on an irregular basis or without the required attendees.	A dedicated asset data-quality governance group/board exists, which meets regularly with all the relevant attendees.	Along with the dedicated asset data quality governance group/board, there are additional sub-working groups with the suppliers.	Along with the dedicated asset data quality governance group/board, there are additional sub-working groups with suppliers and cross-organisational governance board/group.
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q12 - What level of documentation exists for the these data quality processes and governance (5.6)?	3+	No / limited documented items for processes and governance.	Some documentation exists related to processes and governance which are applied on an ad-hoc basis across some parts of the estate.	Consistent documentation exists which the organisation applies for these processes and the governance across all estates. This documentation is reviewed and updated on a regular basis.		
Data Ownership and Access	Ownership		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q13 - Is the data contractually owned by the organisation (6.1)?	3+	The organisation does not contractually own the data.	The organisation contractually owns the data for some data stores/parts of estate.	The organisation contractually owns the data for all estates.		
	Accessibility		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q14 - What level of access does the organisation have to the data in the asset management systems (6.2)?	3	No / limited access to the data (e.g. data extracts requested via email to FM provider).	Access to some data tables/extracts across some data stores/parts of the estate.	Access to all data tables/extracts across all data stores/all estates and manually extract the required data.	The ability to access data in via desktop tool or automated APIs for some data stores/parts of estate.	The ability to access data in data in via desktop tool or automated APIs for all data stores/all estates.
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q15 - What level of access management exists for controlling user privileges (6.3)?	3+	No / limited access management privileges.	Some access management privileges exist across some data stores/parts of the estate. These are inconsistently applied.	Access management privileges exist across all data stores/all estates. These are consistently applied and tightly controlled.		
	Flexibility		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q16 - Do the asset management systems provide the flexibility to accommodate the data standards (7.1)?	3+	Systems with limited flexibility to accommodate the data standards.	Systems with some flexibility to partially accommodate the data standards for some data stores/parts of the estate.	Systems with flexibility to fully accommodate the data standards for all data stores/all estates.		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q17 - Do the asset management systems allow interoperability of asset data (7.2)?	3+	Systems with limited interoperability between systems.	Systems with some interoperability between some systems and data is not transferable in COBie format.	Systems with interoperability between all systems and data is transferable in COBie format.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5

Data Systems	Interoperability	Q18 - Does the asset management systems sync to a common data platform (7.3)?	3	No common data platform exist.	Common data platform exists but data from some data stores/parts of the estate are stored. Data sources are updated on an ad-hoc basis.	Common data platform exists where data from all data stores/all estates are stored. Data sources are updated on a regular basis.	Common data platform exists where data from all data stores/all estates are aggregated using desktop tools and databases. Data sources are updated frequently.	Common data platform exists where data from all data stores/all estates are aggregated using automated APIs (applications). Data sources are updated in real-time.
	Management		Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q19 - Do the systems meet data security requirements (7.4)?	3+	No systems meet minimum requirements across any estate.	Some of the systems meet data security requirements across some data stores/parts of the estate.	All systems meet data security requirements across all estates.		
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q20 - Do the systems meet data backup management requirements (7.5)?	3+	No systems meet minimum requirements across any estate.	Some of the systems meet data backup management requirements across some data stores/parts of the estate. Backup processes are ad-hoc.	All systems meet data backup management requirements. Backup processes are on a regular basis.		
Data Usage	Management Information		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q21 - What types of management information reports and dashboards are used for FM asset data (8.1)?	3	No / ad hoc reporting and dashboarding to support the use of FM asset data.	Inaccurate reports generated from data gathered point in time.	Standard reporting and interactive dashboards generated regularly with reliable processing and calculations.	Standard reporting and interactive dashboards generated from frequently updated data via robust data pipelines.	Ability to create bespoke customisable reports to answer the latest business questions.
	Insights		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q22 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to contract management (8.2)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q23 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to mandatory and statutory compliance (8.3)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q24 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to Planned Preventative Maintenance (8.4)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q25 - How does asset data inform decisions relating to Investment Prioritisation (8.5)?	3	None / limited insights available to inform decision making.	Some insights generated but with limitations that impact decision making.	Data insights are generated and used to make informed decisions.	Robust and repeatable processes for generating insights and acting upon these.	Predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights to inform decisions.
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5

Team Capacity and Capability	Capacity	Q26 - What is the capacity of the teams working with asset data (9.1, 9.2)?	3	No dedicated teams/informal teams.	Dedicated team exists within the organisation covering some parts of the estate. Individuals do not have assigned responsibilities and accountabilities.	Dedicated team exists within the organisation covering some parts of the estate. Individuals have clear with responsibilities and accountabilities. Identified individuals with responsibilities and accountabilities to manage, monitor and generate required reports/insights from FM asset data.	Along with the dedicated team, there are additional sub-teams consisting individuals from the suppliers.	Along with the dedicated team, there are additional sub-teams consisting individuals from the suppliers and cross-organisational data team.
	Capability		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q27 - What is the capability of the teams working with asset data (9.3)?	3	No dedicated personnel/informal teams.	Team with some FM and data/technical understanding.	Team with good FM and data/technical understanding. Ability to extract, transform, load and report data to generate required reports and insights.	Team with the ability to create robust and repeatable data processes along interactive dashboard to support in generating insights.	Team with the ability to use predictive and prescriptive analytical techniques used to create forward-looking insights.
	Training		Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q28 - What training is provided for teams working with asset data (9.4)?	3	No / limited training provided.	Inconsistent and ad-hoc pieces of training exist focusing on basic understanding and only the necessary parts of the processes. They are partially in line with the Government Property Profession career framework.	Consistent and regular pieces of training exist focusing on all the necessary processes. They are in line with the Government Property Profession career framework.	Frequent pieces of training focusing on better understanding and upskilling in extended processes and tools used within the organisation.	Frequent pieces of training focusing on upskilling in advanced analytical and automation skills.
			Scoring	1	2	3+		
		Q29 - What training materials exists relating to asset data (9.5)?	3+	No training and guidance material for asset data and processes.	Some training and guidance material exist related to asset data and processes covering some parts of the estate. These are reviewed and referred to on an ad-hoc basis.	Consistent training and guidance material exist covering onboarding, quality and audit processes, etc. for all estates. These are reviewed and referred to on regular basis.		
			Scoring	1	2	3	4	5
		Q30 - What knowledge sharing exists relating to asset data (9.6)?	3	No / limited knowledge sharing in place.	Some knowledge sharing exists within the organisation and some irregular knowledge sharing exists between organisations.	Consistent knowledge sharing exists between different organisations on a regular basis.	Consistent knowledge sharing exists between different organisations on a regular basis. Some knowledge sharing with suppliers on an irregular basis.	Consistent knowledge sharing exists between different organisations. Consistent knowledge sharing with suppliers on a regular basis.

Section	Area	Question
All	Contact details	1. Identify Lead for: Insert name for board representative
All		1.a Insert contact details
Linen and laundry	Contact details	2. Identify Lead for linen and laundry: Insert name of board representative and contact details
Linen and laundry	Contact details	3. Identify Lead for linen and laundry: Insert name of competent persons and contact details
Linen and laundry	Contact details	3. Identify Lead for linen and laundry: Insert name of authorised persons and contact details
Food	Contact details	1. Identify Lead for food: Insert name for board representative and contact details
Food	Contact details	2. Identify Lead for food: Insert name for Competent Persons and contact details
Food	Contact details	2. Identify Lead for: Insert name of catering dietitian
Food	Contact details	2a. Contact details of the dietitian
Food	Contact details	2b Indicate if this is in house in-house, from an FM provider or an external contract (including NHS Supply Chain)
Food	Contact details	3. Identify Lead for: Organisations must nominate a food safety specialist. Provide details of person or company supplying service
Medical Gas	Contact details	4. Medical gas committee: Board Executive responsible for medical gasses
Medical Gas	Contact details	5. Authorised Engineer
Medical Gas	Contact details	6. Authorised Person
Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025	Contact details	Please provide contact details; name, job title and contact email, of the appointed Accountable Officer in relation to this

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Introduction		
This sheet supplements the 'generic' prompt questions contained within NHS PAM safety domain. It provides key references from the following documents that users should consider when undertaking their assessment of the relevant prompts: 1. Health and Safety Executive publication HSG 65 'Managing for health and safety' 2. The Care Quality Commission Provider Handbooks Appendix A 'Key Lines of Enquiry' 3. The Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and Associated CQC guidance		
Extracts from HSG 65 primarily relate to H&S regulations so may not be strictly relevant in all instance. However the advice may still be useful. HSG 65 'Managing for health and safety' is available from: http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg65.pdf. Similarly some references from the regulations and CQC guidance, particularly around training and development, may relate primarily to clinical and clinical support staff but again they still may be useful.		
1: Policy & Procedures		
Does the Organisation have a current, approved Policy and an underpinning set of procedures that comply with relevant legislation and published guidance?		
1.1 HSG 65 page 21:		
Policies should be designed to meet legal requirements, prevent health and safety problems, and enable you to respond quickly where difficulties arise or new risks are introduced.		
1.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)d		
• The provider's Statement of Purpose and operational policies and procedures for the delivery of care and treatment should specify how the premises and equipment will be used.		
15(1)d&e		
• All equipment must be used, stored and maintained in line with manufacturers' instructions. It should only be used for its intended purpose and by the person for whom it is provided.		
1.3 Regulations and CQC Guidance	CQC KLOE	
15(1)d	S3.1. Are the systems, processes and practices that are essential to keep people safe identified, put in place and communicated to staff?	
• Providers must make sure that they meet the requirements of relevant legislation so that premises and equipment are properly used and maintained. See Annex A for relevant legislation.		
17(2)(e)	E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).	
Where relevant, the provider should also seek and act on the views of external bodies such as fire, environmental health, royal colleges and other bodies who provide best practice guidance relevant to the service provided.		
17(2)a	E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).	
Providers should read and implement relevant nationally recognised guidance and be aware that quality and safety standards change over time when new practices are introduced, or because of technological development or other factors.		
2: Roles and Responsibilities		
Does the Organisation have appropriately qualified, competent and formally appointed people with clear descriptions of their role and responsibility which are well understood?		
2.1 HSG 65		
HSG 65 page 11)		
The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require employers to put in place arrangements to control health and safety risks. As a minimum, you should have the processes and procedures required to meet the legal requirements, including:		
■ ensuring there is adequate and appropriate supervision in place;		
■ access to competent health and safety advice, for example see the Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register (OSHCR) at www.hse.gov.uk/oshcr ;		
HSG 65 page 17:		
The competence of individuals is vital, whether they are employers, managers, supervisors, employees or contractors, especially those with safety-critical roles (such as plant maintenance engineers). It ensures they recognise the risks in their activities and can apply the right measures to control and manage those risks.		
2.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)d&e		
• Providers must make sure that staff and others who operate the equipment are trained to use it appropriately.		
18(1) Sufficient numbers of suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced persons must be deployed in order to meet the requirements of this Part.		
2.4 Regulations and CQC Guidance	CQC KLOE	
18(1) Guidance: Providers must deploy sufficient numbers of suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced staff to make sure that they can meet people's care and treatment needs and therefore meet the requirements of Section 2 of these regulations (the fundamental standards).	E3.1. Do staff have the right qualifications, skills, knowledge and experience to do their job when they start their employment, take on new responsibilities and on a continual basis?	
3: Risk Assessment		
Has there been a risk assessment undertaken and any necessary risk mitigation strategies applied and regularly reviewed?		
3.1 HSG		
HSG 65 Page 27)		
What the law says on assessing risks		
The law states that a risk assessment must be 'suitable and sufficient', i.e. it should show that:		
■ a proper check was made;		
■ you asked who might be affected;		
■ you dealt with all the obvious significant risks, taking into account the number of people who could be involved;		
■ the precautions are reasonable, and the remaining risk is low;		
■ you involved your workers or their representatives in the process.		
The level of detail in a risk assessment should be proportionate to the risk and appropriate to the nature of the work. Insignificant risks can usually be ignored, as can risks arising from routine activities associated with life in general, unless the work activity compounds or significantly alters those risks.		
Your risk assessment should only include what you could reasonably be expected to know – you are not expected to anticipate unforeseeable risks.		
HSG 65 page 14)		
Leaders, at all levels, need to understand the range of health and safety risks in their part of the organisation and to give proportionate attention to each of them. This applies to the level of detail and effort put into assessing the risks, implementing controls, supervising and monitoring.		
HSG 65 page 13)		
The risk profile of an organisation informs all aspects of the approach to leading and managing its health and safety risks.		
HSG 65 page 13)		
Every organisation will have its own risk profile. This is the starting point for determining the greatest health and safety issues for the organisation. In some businesses the risks will be tangible and immediate safety hazards, whereas in other organisations the risks may be health-related and it may be a long time before the illness becomes apparent.		
3.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)c: • Any alterations to the premises or the equipment that is used to deliver care and treatment must be made in line with current legislation and guidance. Where the guidance cannot be met, the provider should have appropriate contingency plans and arrangements to mitigate the risks to people using the service.		
17(2)(b)		
Providers must have systems and processes that enable them to identify and assess risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use the service.		
17(2)(b)		
Where risks are identified, providers must introduce measures to reduce or remove the risks within a timescale that reflects the level of risk and impact on people using the service.		
17(2)(b)		
Providers must have processes to minimise the likelihood of risks and to minimise the impact of risks on people who use services.		
17(2)(b)		
Risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use services must be escalated within the organisation or to a relevant external body as appropriate. Identified risks to people who use services and others must be continually monitored and appropriate action taken where a risk has increased.		

17(2)(b) Note: In this regulation, 'others' includes anyone who may be put at risk through the carrying on of a regulated activity, such as staff, visitors, tradespeople or students.		
3.3 Regulations and CQC Guidance		CQC KLOE
15(1)d&e • There should be regular health and safety risk assessments of the premises (including grounds) and equipment. The findings of the assessments must be acted on without delay if improvements are required. 17(2)(b) assess, monitor and mitigate the risks relating to the health, safety and welfare of service users and others who may be at risk which arise from the carrying on of the regulated activity;		S4.4. Are comprehensive risk assessments carried out for people who use services and risk management plans developed in line with national guidance? Are risks managed positively? S5.1. How are potential risks taken into account when planning services, for example, seasonal fluctuations in demand, the impact of adverse weather, or disruption to staffing? W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?
4: Maintenance Are assets, equipment and plant adequately maintained?		
4.1 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
15(1)d • Providers must make sure that they meet the requirements of relevant legislation so that premises and equipment are properly used and maintained. See Annex A for relevant legislation.		
15(1)d&e • All equipment must be used, stored and maintained in line with manufacturers' instructions. It should only be used for its intended purpose and by the person for whom it is provided.		
5. Training and Development Does the Organisation have an up to date training and development plan in place covering all relevant roles and responsibilities of staff, that meets all safety, technical and quality requirements?		
5.1 HSG 65		
HSG 65 page 11) The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require employers to put in place arrangements to control health and safety risks. As a minimum, you should have the processes and procedures required to meet the legal requirements, including: ■ ensuring there is adequate and appropriate supervision in place; ■ access to competent health and safety advice, for example see the Occupational Safety and Health Consultants Register (OSHCR) at www.hse.gov.uk/oshcr ;		
3.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
18(2) Persons employed by the service provider in the provision of a regulated activity must 18(2)(a) receive such appropriate support, training, professional development, supervision and appraisal as is necessary to enable them to carry out the duties they are employed to perform,		
Providers must ensure that they have an induction programme that prepares staff for their role. It is expected that providers that employ healthcare assistants and social care support workers should follow the Care Certificate standards to make sure new staff are supported, skilled and assessed as competent to carry out their roles.		
Where appropriate, staff must be supervised until they can demonstrate required/acceptable levels of competence to carry out their role unsupervised.		
Staff should receive appropriate ongoing or periodic supervision in their role to make sure competence is maintained.		
Other mandatory training, as defined by the provider for their role.		
Any additional training identified as necessary to carry out regulated activities as part of their job duties and, in particular, to maintain necessary skills to meet the needs of the people they care for and support.		
Other learning and development opportunities required to enable them to fulfil their role. This includes first aid training for people working in the adult social care sector.		
All learning and development and required training completed should be monitored and appropriate action taken quickly when training requirements are not being met.		
Other mandatory training, as defined by the provider for their role.		
Any additional training identified as necessary to carry out regulated activities as part of their job duties and, in particular, to maintain necessary skills to meet the needs of the people they care for and support.		
Other learning and development opportunities required to enable them to fulfil their role. This includes first aid training for people working in the adult social care sector.		
All learning and development and required training completed should be monitored and appropriate action taken quickly when training requirements are not being met.		
18(2)(b) be enabled where appropriate to obtain further qualifications appropriate to the work they perform, and Providers must support staff to obtain appropriate further qualifications that would enable them to continue to perform their role. Providers must not act in a way that prevents or limits staff from obtaining further qualifications that are appropriate to their role.		
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4.3 Regulations and CQC Guidance		CQC KLOE
Training, learning and development needs of individual staff members must be carried out at the start of employment and reviewed at appropriate intervals during the course of employment. Staff must be supported to undertake training, learning and development to enable them to fulfil the requirements of their role.		E3.2. How are the learning needs of staff identified? E3.3. Do staff have appropriate training to meet their learning needs? E3.4. Are staff encouraged and given opportunities to develop?
Staff should be supported to make sure they are can participate in: Statutory training. Staff should receive regular appraisal of their performance in their role from an appropriately skilled and experienced person and any training, learning and development needs should be identified, planned for and supported.		S3.2. Do staff receive effective mandatory training in the safety systems, processes and practices? E3.5. What are the arrangements for supporting and managing staff? (This includes one-to-one meetings, appraisals, coaching and mentoring, clinical supervision and revalidation.) E3.6. How is poor or variable staff performance identified and managed? How are staff supported to improve?
6: Resilience, Emergency & Business Continuity Planning Does the Organisation have resilience, emergency, business continuity and escalation plans which have been formulated and tested with the appropriately trained staff?		
6.1 CQC KLOE		
S5.2. What arrangements are in place to respond to emergencies and major incidents? How often are these practised and reviewed?		
S5.1. How are potential risks taken into account when planning services, for example, seasonal fluctuations in demand, the impact of adverse weather, or disruption to staffing?		
7: Review Process Is there a robust annual review process to assure compliance and effectiveness of relevant standards, policies and procedures?		
7.1 Regulations and CQC Guidance		
17(2)(f) Providers must ensure that their audit and governance systems remain effective.		
7.2 Regulations and CQC Guidance		CQC KLOE
17(2)a Providers should read and implement relevant nationally recognised guidance and be aware that quality and safety standards change over time when new practices are introduced, or because of technological development or other factors.		E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).
8: Costed Action Plans If the organisation/site has any inadequate or requires (moderate or minor) improvement ratings in this SAQ, are there risk assessed costed action plans in place to achieve compliance?		
References to risk assessment and management are details under prompt 3 above		
8: Scoring		
Scoring should be based on the following:		
	Self-assessment rating	% to score in given area
	Not applicable: This prompt question does not apply to the trust e.g. Mental Health trusts do not use Medical Gases;	
	Outstanding: Compliant with no action required, plus evidence of high-quality services and innovation. This Score is likely to be rarely applied.	100%
	Good: compliant no action required.	85% or above
	Requires minimal improvement: The impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is low.	66% to 85%
	Requires moderate improvement: The impact on people who use services, visitors or staff is medium.	45% to 65%
	Inadequate	45% or less

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This sheet shows the relationship and link between the NHS PAM SAQs and: 1. Relevant parts of the 'Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014' 2. Associated CQC guidance to providers on meeting the Regulations 3. CQC provider Handbooks Annex A: Key Lines of Enquiry	
Regulations (bold text) CQC Guidance (non-bold text), CQC KLOE (bold italics)	PAM Ref.
Regulation 14: Meeting nutritional and hydration needs (FS)	
<i>CQC KLOE: E1.4. How are people's nutrition and hydration needs assessed and met?</i>	
14(1) The nutritional and hydration needs of service users must be met. Providers must include people's nutrition and hydration needs when they make an initial assessment of their care, treatment and support needs and in the ongoing review of these. The assessment and review should include risks related to people's nutritional and hydration needs. Providers should have a food and drink strategy that addresses the nutritional needs of people using the service.	SS1
14(2) Paragraph 1 applies where— (a) care or treatment involves— the provision of accommodation by the service provider, or an overnight stay for the service user on premises used by the service for the purposes of carrying on a regulated activity, or (b) the meeting of the nutritional or hydration needs of service users is part of the arrangements made for the provision of care or treatment by the service provider. Providers must meet people's nutrition or hydration needs wherever an overnight stay is provided as part of the regulated activity or where nutrition or hydration are provided as part of the arrangements made for the person using the service.	SS1
14(3) But paragraph (1) does not apply to the extent that the meeting of such nutritional or hydration needs would— (a) result in a breach of regulation 11, or (b) not be in the service user's best interests	NA
14(4)(a) receipt by a service user of suitable and nutritious food and hydration which is adequate to sustain life and good health,	
Nutrition and hydration assessments must be carried out by people with the required skills and knowledge. The assessments should follow nationally recognised guidance and identify, as a minimum: requirements to sustain life, support the agreed care and treatment, and support ongoing good health dietary intolerances, allergies, medication contraindications how to support people's good health including the level of support needed, timing of meals, and the provision of appropriate and sufficient quantities of food and drink.	SS1 should demonstrate following the Nutrition & hydration assessment but assessment is not part of PAM
Nutrition and hydration needs should be regularly reviewed during the course of care and treatment and any changes in people's needs should be responded to in good time. A variety of nutritious, appetising food should be available to meet people's needs and be served at an appropriate temperature. When the person lacks capacity, they must have prompts, encouragement and help to eat as appropriate.	SS1
Where a person is assessed as needing a specific diet, this must be provided in line with that assessment. Nutritional and hydration intake should be monitored and recorded to prevent unnecessary dehydration, weight loss or weight gain. Action must be taken without delay to address any concerns. Staff must follow the most up-to-date nutrition and hydration assessment for each person and take appropriate action if people are not eating and drinking in line with their assessed needs. Staff should know how to determine whether specialist nutritional advice is required and how to access and follow it.	NA
Water must be available and accessible to people at all times. Other drinks should be made available periodically throughout the day and night and people should be encouraged and supported to drink. Arrangements should be made for people to receive their meals at a different time if they are absent or asleep when their meals are served. Snacks or other food should be available between meals for those who prefer to eat 'little and often'.	SS1

14(4)(b) receipt by a service user of parenteral nutrition and dietary supplements when prescribed by a health care professional,	NA
14(4)(c) the meeting of any reasonable requirements of a service user for food and hydration arising from the service user's preferences or their religious or cultural background, and	
People should be able to make choices about their diet. People's religious and cultural needs must be identified in their nutrition and hydration assessment, and these needs must be met. If there are any clinical contraindications or risks posed because of any of these requirements, these should be discussed with the person, to allow them to make informed choices about their requirements. When a person has specific dietary requirements relating to moral or ethical beliefs, such as vegetarianism, these requirements must be fully considered and met. Every effort should be made to meet people's preferences, including preference about what time meals are served, where they are served and the quantity.	SS1
14(4)(d) if necessary, support for a service user to eat or drink	NA
Regulation 15: Premises and equipment (FS)	
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—	
15(1)(a) clean,	
<i>CQC KLOE S3.5. How are standards of cleanliness and hygiene maintained?</i>	
• Premises and equipment must be kept clean and cleaning must be done in line with current legislation and guidance.	
• Premises and equipment should be visibly clean and free from odours that are offensive or unpleasant.	
• Providers should: - o Use appropriate cleaning methods and agents. - o Operate a cleaning schedule appropriate to the care and treatment being delivered from the premises or by the equipment. - o Monitor the level of cleanliness. - o Take action without delay when any shortfalls are identified. - o Make sure that staff with responsibility for cleaning have appropriate training.	Safety SAQ SS4
• Domestic, clinical and hazardous waste and materials must be managed in line with current legislation and guidance.	
<i>CQC KLOE S3.9. Do the arrangements for managing waste and clinical specimens keep people safe? (This includes classification, segregation, storage, labelling, handling and, where appropriate, treatment and disposal of waste.)</i>	Safety SAQ SS3
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be—	
15(1)(b) secure,	Safety SAQ SS6
• Security arrangements must make sure that people are safe while receiving care, including:	
<i>CQC KLOES3.4. Are there arrangements in place to safeguard adults and children from abuse that reflect relevant legislation and local requirements? Do staff understand their responsibilities and adhere to safeguarding policies and procedures?</i>	Safety SAQ SS6
o Protecting personal safety, which includes restrictive protection required in relation to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 and Mental Health Act 1983. This includes the use of window restrictors or locks on doors, which are used in a way that protects people using the service when lawful and necessary, but which does not restrict the liberty of other people using the service.	Safety SAQ SS6
<i>CQC KLOE E1.7. Are the rights of people subject to the Mental Health Act (MHA) protected and do staff have regard to the MHA Code of Practice?</i>	
o Protecting personal property and/or money.	
o Providing appropriate access to and exit from protected or controlled areas.	
o Not inadvertently restricting people's movements.	
o Providing appropriate information about access and entry when people who use the service are unable to come and go freely and when people using a service move from the premises as part of their care and treatment.	
o Using the appropriate level of security needed in relation to the services being delivered. Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 (Part 3) Guidance for providers on meeting the regulations March 2015 57	Safety SAQ SS6

• If any form of surveillance is used for any purpose, the provider must make sure that this is done in the best interests of people using the service, while remaining mindful of their responsibilities for the safety of their staff. Any surveillance should be operated in line with current guidance. Detailed guidance on the use of surveillance is available on CQC's website.	
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be— 15(1)(c) suitable for the purpose for which they are being used,	Safety SAQ SH2
Premises must be fit for purpose in line with statutory requirements and should take account of national best practice.	
CQC KLOE S3.7. Does the design, maintenance and use of facilities and premises keep people safe?	
• Premises must be suitable for the service provided, including the layout, and be big enough to accommodate the potential number of people using the service at any one time. There must be sufficient equipment to provide the service.	Safety SAQ SH2 & SH15
• Adequate support facilities and amenities must be provided where relevant to the service being provided. This includes sufficient toilets and bathrooms for the number of people using the service, adequate storage space, adequate seating and waiting space.	Safety SAQ SH2
• People's needs must be taken into account when premises are designed, built, maintained, renovated or adapted. Their views should also be taken into account when possible.	Patient Experience SAQ P1
• People should be able to easily enter and exit premises and find their way around easily and independently. If they can't, providers must make reasonable adjustments in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and other current legislation and guidance.	Safety SAQ SH2 & Patient Experience SAQ P6
• Any alterations to the premises or the equipment that is used to deliver care and treatment must be made in line with current legislation and guidance. Where the guidance cannot be met, the provider should have appropriate contingency plans and arrangements to mitigate the risks to people using the service.	Safety SAQ SH2
CQC KLOE W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
The premises and equipment used to deliver care and treatment must meet people's needs and, where possible, their preferences. This includes making sure that privacy, dignity and confidentiality are not compromised.	Safety SAQ SH2
• Reasonable adjustments must be made when providing equipment to meet the needs of people with disabilities, in line with requirements of the Equality Act 2010.	Safety SAQ SH15
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be— 15(1)(d) properly used, 15(1)(e) properly maintained, and	Safety prompt questions 1,4 & 7 for each technical area e.g. electrical safety
• Providers must make sure that they meet the requirements of relevant legislation so that premises and equipment are properly used and maintained. See Annex A for relevant legislation.	
CQC KLOE S3.7. Does the design, maintenance and use of facilities and premises keep people safe?	
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	Safety SAQ SH2 & SH15
• The provider's Statement of Purpose and operational policies and procedures for the delivery of care and treatment should specify how the premises and equipment will be used.	
• Any change of use of premises and/or equipment should be informed by a risk assessment and providers must make appropriate alterations to premises and equipment where reasonably practical. Where this is not possible, providers should have appropriate contingency plans and arrangements to mitigate the risks to people using the service. Alterations must be in line with current legislation and guidance.	Safety SAQ SH2
CQC KLOE W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
• There should be regular health and safety risk assessments of the premises (including grounds) and equipment. The findings of the assessments must be acted on without delay if improvements are required.	SH4 & safety SAQ prompt 3
CQC KLOE W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
• There should be suitable arrangements for the purchase, service, maintenance, renewal and replacement of premises (including grounds) and equipment. These arrangements must make sure that they meet the requirements of current legislation and guidance, manufacturers' instructions and the provider's policies or procedures.	Safety SAQ SH1 & Safety SAQ prompt 4

Providers must have operational policies and procedures and maintenance budgets to maintain their equipment, buildings and mechanical engineering and electrical systems so that they are sound, operationally safe and exhibiting only minor deterioration.	Safety SAQ SH1 & Safety SAQ prompt 4
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	
All equipment must be used, stored and maintained in line with manufacturers' instructions. It should only be used for its intended purpose and by the person for whom it is provided.	Safety SAQ SH15
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	
Providers must make sure that staff and others who operate the equipment are trained to use it appropriately.	Safety SAQ SH15 & Safety SAQ prompt 2&5
15(1) All premises and equipment used by the service provider must be— 15(1)(f) appropriately located for the purpose for which they are being used.	
When planning the location of premises, providers must take into account the anticipated needs of the people who will use the service and they should ensure easy access to other relevant facilities and the local community.	Patient Experience SAQ P1
Facilities should be appropriately located to suit the accommodation that is being used. This includes short distances between linked facilities, sufficient car parking that is clearly marked and reasonably close, and good access to public transport.	Safety SAQ SH2
Equipment must be accessible at all times to meet the needs of people using the service. This means it must be available when needed, or obtained in a reasonable time so as not to pose a risk to the person using the service. Equipment includes chairs, beds, clinical equipment, and moving and handling equipment.	Safety SAQ SH15
S3.8. Does the maintenance and use of equipment keep people safe?	
15(2) The registered person must, in relation to such premises and equipment, maintain standards of hygiene appropriate for the purposes for which they are being used.	
Providers must comply with guidance from the Department of Health about the prevention and control of infections: Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice for health and adult social care on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance.	Safety SAQ SS4
S3.6. Are reliable systems in place to prevent and protect people from a healthcare-associated infection?	
Where applicable, premises must be cleaned or decontaminated in line with current legislation and guidance, and equipment must be cleaned, decontaminated and/or sterilised in line with current legislation and guidance and manufacturers' instructions. Equipment must be cleaned or decontaminated after each use and between use by different people who use the service.	Safety SAQ SS4
Ancillary services belonging to the provider, such as kitchens and laundry rooms, which are used for or by people who use the service, must be used and maintained in line with current legislation and guidance. People using the service and staff using the equipment should be trained to use it or supervised/risk assessed as necessary.	Safety SAQ SS1, SS4 & SH10
W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
Multiple use equipment and devices must be cleaned or decontaminated between use. Single use and single person devices must not be re-used or shared. All staff must understand the risk to people who use services if they do not adhere to this.	Safety SAQ SS2 & SS4
W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
Regulation 16: Receiving and acting on complaints (FS)	Patient Exp SAQ P1
R4. How are people's concerns and complaints listened and responded to and used to improve the quality of care?	
16(1) Any complaint received must be investigated and necessary and proportionate action must be taken in response to any failure identified by the complaint or investigation.	P1

People must be able to make a complaint to any member of staff, either verbally or in writing. All staff must know how to respond when they receive a complaint. Unless they are anonymous, all complaints should be acknowledged whether they are written or verbal. Complainants must not be discriminated against or victimised. In particular, people's care and treatment must not be affected if they make a complaint, or if somebody complains on their behalf. Appropriate action must be taken without delay to respond to any failures identified by a complaint or the investigation of a complaint. Information must be available to a complainant about how to take action if they are not satisfied with how the provider manages and/or responds to their complaint. Information should include the internal procedures that the provider must follow and should explain when complaints should/will be escalated to other appropriate bodies. Where complainants escalate their complaint externally because they are dissatisfied with the local outcome, the provider should cooperate with any independent review or process.	P1
16(2) The registered person must establish and operate effectively an accessible system for identifying, receiving, recording, handling and responding to complaints by service users and other persons in relation to the carrying on of the regulated activity.	P1
Information and guidance about how to complain must be available and accessible to everyone who uses the service. It should be available in appropriate languages and formats to meet the needs of the people using the service. Providers must tell people how to complain, offer support and provide the level of support needed to help them make a complaint. This may be through advocates, interpreter services and any other support identified or requested. When complainants do not wish to identify themselves, the provider must still follow its complaints process as far as possible. Providers must have effective systems to make sure that all complaints are investigated without delay. This includes: Undertaking a review to establish the level of investigation and immediate action required, including referral to appropriate authorities for investigation. This may include professional regulators or local authority safeguarding teams. Making sure appropriate investigations are carried out to identify what might have caused the complaint and the actions required to prevent similar complaints. When the complainant has identified themselves, investigating and responding to them and where relevant their family and carers without delay.	P1
Providers should monitor complaints over time, looking for trends and areas of risk that may be addressed. Staff and others who are involved in the assessment and investigation of complaints must have the right level of knowledge and skill. They should understand the provider's complaints process and be knowledgeable about current related guidance. Consent and confidentiality must not be compromised during the complaints process unless there are professional or statutory obligations that make this necessary, such as safeguarding. Complainants, and those about whom complaints are made, must be kept informed of the status of their complaint and its investigation, and be advised of any changes made as a result. Providers must maintain a record of all complaints, outcomes and actions taken in response to complaints. Where no action is taken, the reasons for this should be recorded. Providers must act in accordance with Regulation 20: Duty of Candour in respect of complaints about care and treatment that have resulted in a notifiable safety incident.	P1
16(3) The registered person must provide to the Commission, when requested to do so and by no later than 28 days beginning on the day after receipt of the request, a summary of— (a) complaints made under such complaints system, (b) responses made by the registered person to such complaints and any further correspondence with the complainants in relation to such complaints, and (c) any other relevant information in relation to such complaints as the Commission may request.	P1

CQC can ask providers for information about a complaint; if this is not provided within 28 days of our request, it may be seen as preventing CQC from taking appropriate action in relation to a complaint or putting people who use the service at risk of harm, or of receiving care and treatment that has, or is, causing harm. The 28-day period starts the day after the request is received.	P1
Regulation 17: Good governance (FS)	
W2.6. Are there comprehensive assurance system and service performance measures, which are reported and monitored, and is action taken to improve performance S3.1. Are the systems, processes and practices that are essential to keep people safe identified, put in place and communicated to staff? W2. Does the governance framework ensure that responsibilities are clear and that quality, performance and risks are understood and managed?	The NHS PAM is designed to be used as a system that meets this requirement
17(1) Systems or processes must be established and operated effectively to ensure compliance with the requirements in this Part. Providers must operate effective systems and processes to make sure they assess and monitor their service against Regulations 4 to 20A of Part 3 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 (as amended). The provider must have a process in place to make sure this happens at all times and in response to the changing needs of people who use the service.	
The system must include scrutiny and overall responsibility at board level or equivalent.	Governance domain
17(2) Without limiting paragraph (1), such systems or processes must enable the registered person, in particular, to—	
17(2)(a) assess, monitor and improve the quality and safety of the services provided in the carrying on of the regulated activity (including the quality of the experience of service users in receiving those services); S3.3. Is implementation of safety systems, processes and practices monitored and improved when required?	The NHS PAM is designed to be used as a system that meets this requirement
1. Providers must have systems and processes such as regular audits of the service provided and must assess, monitor and improve the quality and safety of the service. The audits should be baselined against Regulations 4 to 20A of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014 and should, where possible, include the experiences people who use the service. The systems and processes should be continually reviewed to make sure they remain fit for purpose. Fit for purpose means that: systems and processes enable the provider to identify where quality and/or safety are being compromised and to respond appropriately and without delay. providers have access to all necessary information.	
17(2)(a) 2. Information should be up to date, accurate and properly analysed and reviewed by people with the appropriate skills and competence to understand its significance. When required, results should be escalated and appropriate action taken.	G1.7
W2.7. Are there effective arrangements in place to ensure that the information used to monitor and manage quality and performance is accurate, valid, reliable, timely and relevant? What action is taken when issues are identified? W5.6. How is information used proactively to improve care?	
17(2)(a) 3. Providers should have effective communication systems to ensure that people who use the service, those who need to know within the service and, where appropriate, those external to the service, know the results of reviews about the quality and safety of the service and any actions required following the review.	NA
17(2)(a) 4. Providers should actively seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders, including people who use the service, staff, visiting professionals, professional bodies, commissioners, local groups, members of the public and other bodies, about their experience of, and the quality of care and treatment delivered by the service. Providers must be able to show how they have: analysed and responded to the information gathered, including taking action to address issues where they are raised, and used the information to make improvements and demonstrate that they have been made	Patient Experience SAQ P1
W4. How are people who use the service, the public and staff engaged and involved?	
Providers must seek professional/expert advice as needed and without delay to help them to identify and make improvements.	Governance SAQ G3

17(2)a Providers must monitor progress against plans to improve the quality and safety of services, and take appropriate action without delay where progress is not achieved as expected.	PE domain and action plan prompt under each SAQ
Subject to statutory consent and applicable confidentiality requirements, providers must share relevant information, such as information about incidents or risks, with other relevant individuals or bodies. These bodies include safeguarding boards, coroners, and regulators. Where they identify that improvements are needed these must be made without delay.	Safety SAQ SH17
17(2)a Providers should read and implement relevant nationally recognised guidance and be aware that quality and safety standards change over time when new practices are introduced, or because of technological development or other factors.	Safety SAQ prompt Question 1
<i>E1.1. How are relevant and current evidence-based guidance, standards, best practice and legislation identified and used to develop how services, care and treatment are delivered? (This includes from NICE and other expert and professional bodies).</i>	
17(2)(b) assess, monitor and mitigate the risks relating to the health, safety and welfare of service users and others who may be at risk which arise from the carrying on of the regulated activity;	Safety SAQ prompt question 3 & G1.9 & G1.10
<i>S3.1. Are the systems, processes and practices that are essential to keep people safe identified, put in place and communicated to staff?</i>	
<i>S4.4. Are comprehensive risk assessments carried out for people who use services and risk management plans developed in line with national guidance? Are risks managed positively?</i>	
<i>S5.1. How are potential risks taken into account when planning services, for example, seasonal fluctuations in demand, the impact of adverse weather, or disruption to staffing?</i>	
17(2)(b) Providers must have systems and processes that enable them to identify and assess risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use the service.	
17(2)(b) Where risks are identified, providers must introduce measures to reduce or remove the risks within a timescale that reflects the level of risk and impact on people using the service.	
17(2)(b) Providers must have processes to minimise the likelihood of risks and to minimise the impact of risks on people who use services.	
17(2)(b) Risks to the health, safety and/or welfare of people who use services must be escalated within the organisation or to a relevant external body as appropriate. Identified risks to people who use services and others must be continually monitored and appropriate action taken where a risk has increased.	NA
17(2)(b) Note: In this regulation, 'others' includes anyone who may be put at risk through the carrying on of a regulated activity, such as staff, visitors, tradespeople or students.	
17(2)(c) maintain securely an accurate, complete and contemporaneous record in respect of each service user, including a record of the care and treatment provided to the service user and of decisions taken in relation to the care and treatment provided;	NA
17(2)(d) maintain securely such other records as are necessary to be kept in relation to— (i) persons employed in the carrying on of the regulated activity, and (ii) the management of the regulated activity;	
Records relating to people employed and the management of regulated activities must be created, amended, stored and destroyed in accordance with current legislation and guidance.	
Records relating to people employed must include information relevant to their employment in the role including information relating to the requirements under Regulations 4 to 7 and Regulation 19 of this part (part 3) of the Health and Social Care Act 2008 (Regulated Activities) Regulations 2014. This applies to all staff, not just newly appointed staff. Providers must observe data protection legislation about the retention of confidential personal information.	

Records relating to the management of regulated activities means anything relevant to the planning and delivery of care and treatment. This may include governance arrangements such as policies and procedures, service and maintenance records, audits and reviews, purchasing, action plans in response to risk and incidents.	Safety SAQ SH3
W2.9. Are there robust arrangements for identifying, recording and managing risks, issues and mitigating actions?	
Records must be kept secure at all times and only accessed, amended or destroyed by people who are authorised to do so.	
Information in all formats must be managed in line with current legislation and guidance.	
Systems and processes must support the confidentiality of people using the service and not contravene the Data Protection Act 1998.	
17(2)(e) seek and act on feedback from relevant persons and other persons on the services provided in the carrying on of the regulated activity, for the purposes of continually evaluating and improving such services;	
17(2)(e) Providers should actively encourage feedback about the quality of care and overall involvement with them. The feedback may be informal or formal, written or verbal. It may be from people using the service, those lawfully acting on their behalf, their carers and others such as staff or other relevant bodies.	
17(2)(e) All feedback should be listened to, recorded and responded to as appropriate. It should be analysed and used to drive improvements to the quality and safety of services and the experience of engaging with the provider.	Patient Experience SAQ P1
17(2)(e) Improvements should be made without delay once they are identified, and the provider should have systems in place to communicate how feedback has led to improvements.	
17(2)(e) Where relevant, the provider should also seek and act on the views of external bodies such as fire, environmental health, royal colleges and other bodies who provide best practice guidance relevant to the service provided.	
17(2)(f) evaluate and improve their practice in respect of the processing of the information referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) to (e).	Safety SAQ prompt question 7, SAQ G1.8 & G1.4
17(2)(f) Providers must ensure that their audit and governance systems remain effective.	
17(3) The registered person must send to the Commission, when requested to do so and by no later than 28 days beginning on the day after receipt of the request—	NA
Regulation 18: Staffing (FS)	see also 'prompt guidance sheet'
18(1) Sufficient numbers of suitably qualified, competent, skilled and experienced persons must be deployed in order to meet the requirements of this Part.	Safety SAQ prompt question 2: See 'prompt guidance sheet'
S4.1. How are staffing levels and skill mix planned and reviewed so that people receive safe care and treatment at all times, in line with relevant tools and guidance, where available?	
18(2)(a) receive such appropriate support, training, professional development, supervision and appraisal as is necessary to enable them to carry out the duties they are employed to perform,	Safety SAQ prompt question 5: See 'prompt guidance sheet'
S3.2. Do staff receive effective mandatory training in the safety systems, processes	
18(2)(b) be enabled where appropriate to obtain further qualifications appropriate to the work they perform, and	
18(2)(b) be enabled where appropriate to obtain further qualifications appropriate to	
Regulation 19: Fit and proper persons employed (FS)	NA
Regulation 20: Duty of candour (FS)	G2.9