

## Enforcement policy

This policy sets out how we will use our enforcement powers under the Health and Social Care Act 2008, as amended by the Care Act 2014.

## Updates to this policy

This policy was first published in 2015. It has since been updated to refer to our current assessment methods and terminology. Recent changes include:

- Noting change of term from Requirement Notices to Action Plans, as previous terminology will be present in inspection reports.
- Under 'Protecting people using services by requiring improvement':
  - we removed the reference to 'enforcement' from the first paragraph, as not all actions referenced constitute enforcement
  - the section on 'Action plan requests' notes that these do not constitute enforcement action and CQC may decide not to accept an action plan
  - the section on Warning Notices notes these are a provision under the Health and Social Care Act 2008.

- Under 'Publication and notification of enforcement action':
  - we note that enforcement actions are no longer included in assessment reports
  - we note that enforcement actions are currently published at location level on our website (not at provider level).

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