

Change 6: Trusted assessment

	Not yet established	Plans in place	Established	Mature	Exemplary
Independent care sector assessments	Care providers insist on assessing for the service or home regardless of their capacity to do so in a timely manner.	Care providers engaged in discussions about whether existing assessments completed in the hospital can be made to meet their needs / agreement to appoint a trusted assessor.	An existing assessment has been adapted to serve the needs of a pre-admission assessment or a worker has begun to carry out assessments on behalf of at least one provider.	An existing assessment has been adapted to serve the needs of a pre-admission assessment and is being used with several providers or a worker(s) is carrying out assessments on behalf of several providers.	Systems have understood the challenges in accepting patients post-COVID and support care providers with clinical support and specialist equipment to care for people safely.
Within hospital (acute or community)	Each profession insists on doing its own assessment, taking longer to determine the person's pathway.	Professionals are engaged in discussions as to when a shared or joint assessment might be possible.	Existing assessments are used for more than one purpose for at least one pathway.	Existing assessments are used for more than one purpose for several pathways.	Assessments are carried out in people's own homes or in step-down facilities – initial screening ensures this is safe to do so drawing on expert advice as needed.
Adult social care (hospital and community)	People have to wait a long time to have an eligibility determination.	Exploration is under way to determine why this is and to address it.	A third party has been trained and authorised to carry out eligibility determinations.	Eligibility determinations are routinely carried out by a third party when the local authority is unable to do so on time.	People have safe and timely assessments in the right setting.