# Change 7: Trusted assessments

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| Stages | 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 and this causes delays in 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 do not experience delays due to lack of timely assessment. Eligibility assessments are not carried out in hospital. |