

# Introduction to Local Authority Assurance

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- A new duty for us to independently review and assess how Local Authorities are delivering their Care Act functions
- The assurance framework will go live in 2023/24
- Working in co-production for more than 12 months already to develop the scope and content of the assessment framework
- Complementing and building on Sector-Led Improvement
- First 2 years are 'baselining' before moving to agile and responsive model

# A single assessment framework

Our framework will assess providers, local authorities and integrated care systems with a consistent set of key themes, from registration through to ongoing assessment

Aligned with 'I' statements, based on what people expect and need, to bring these questions to life and as a basis for gathering structured feedback

Expressed as 'We' statements; the standards against which we hold providers, LAs and ICSs to account

People's experience, feedback from staff and leaders, feedback from partners, observation, processes, outcomes

Data and information specific to the scope of assessment, delivery model or population group





**‘I’ statement:** When I move between services, settings or areas, there is a plan for what happens next and who will do what, and all the practical arrangements are in place.



**‘We/quality’ statement:** We work in partnership with others to establish and maintain safe systems of care in which people's safety is managed, monitored and assured, especially when they move between different services.

# Areas of focus for Local Authority assessments

1. **Working with people** - assessing needs, supporting people to live healthier lives, prevention, well-being, information and advice
2. **Providing support** - markets (including commissioning), integration and partnership working
3. **Ensuring safety** - safeguarding, safe systems and continuity of care
4. **Leadership** - governance, learning, improvement, innovation

Each of the themes has several quality statements and TLAP 'I' statements within it from the single assessment framework

**Choice, control and personalisation are threaded through our entire framework and approach**