
Mental Health Act Integration Programme

Department for Health – Care Quality Commission

RPC rating: validated

Description of proposal

Under the Mental Health Act (MHA) the Care Quality Commission (CQC) is responsible for monitoring mental health services providers. In April 2016, CQC revised its framework for regular MHA monitoring visits – this included revising and monitoring the tools used during these visits. Among other changes, CQC introduced new forms for data-gathering and increased consistency of different monitoring activities; these changes were mainly aimed at CQC staff, but affected providers had to familiarise themselves with the changes and benefited from increased consistency in the monitoring arrangements.

Impacts of proposal

The assessment states that approximately 10 businesses are affected by this change. The small number reflects the fact that only a small proportion of mental health services providers are private businesses – 6 per cent according to the Department of Health's data.

The CQC estimates that, as a result of the changes, providers will save on average 1 hour per year; this will lead to a total saving of around £3000.

The RPC verifies the estimated equivalent annual net direct cost to business (EANDCB) of zero. This will be a qualifying regulatory provision that will score under the business impact target.

Quality of submission

The analysis presented in the assessment is sufficient to validate the impact estimate of this policy.

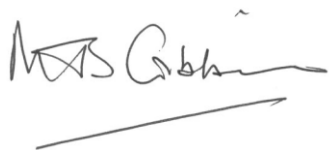
The assessment could have been clearer about whether the widening of the scope of the data (to be gathered by CQC inspectors) would have an impact on providers.

Departmental assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision (OUT)
Equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB)	Zero
Business net present value	Zero

RPC assessment

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EANCB – RPC validated ¹	Zero
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	Zero



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¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.