## **RQIA Management Plan 2023-24**



The Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority (RQIA) is Northern Ireland's independent health and social care regulator.

**RQIA's** relationships, with people in Northern Ireland, the Department of Health, HSC bodies, independent health and social care providers and other Regulators are driven by **RQIA's Duties** to:

- Keep the Department informed about the provision of health and social care services, in particular their availability and quality;
- Encourage improvement in the quality of those services;
- Protect the interests of those with mental health conditions and learning disabilities; and

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• Register, inspect, and enforce adherence to regulations and standards for service providers that fall within the scope of RQIA's statutory powers.

## RQIA Outturns: 2022-23

| Services Registered with RQIA  | Services Provided by HSC Trusts   | Reviews  | To view RQIA's<br>Strategic Plan<br>2022-28, scan the |
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| Inspected <b>100%</b> of all operational<br>adult care homes at least once<br>Carried out <b>202</b> out of hours<br>inspections at nursing, residential<br>care and children's homes<br>Inspected <b>84%</b> of all Domiciliary<br>Care, Nursing, and Adult Placement<br>Agencies & Day Care Settings | Inspected <b>9</b> Acute Hospitals<br>Reviewed <b>8,104</b> assessments forms<br>and <b>1,106</b> detention forms in line<br>with our responsibilities under the<br>Mental Health (NI) Order 1986 | RQIA Review of the Systems and<br>Processes for Learning from Serious<br>Adverse Incidents in Northern Ireland<br>RQIA Review of the implementation of<br>recommendations to prevent choking<br>incidents across Northern Ireland<br>Report on the Expert Review of<br>Records of Deceased Patients<br>(Neurology) | QR code below:  |

## This work took:

### An annual budget of £9.65m

- **£8.52m** from DOH
- £1.13m from registration and annual fees

## **How to Contact Us**

RQIA's headquarters is:



James House, 2-4 Cromac Avenue, Gasworks, Belfast, BT7 2JA



A total of 131 staff (123.84 whole time equivalent)

### Concerns

Do you, your family member or a friend use a health and social care service? Have you concerns about the care provided? We want to hear from you -

You can contact our Guidance Team, who will provide you with help and advice. Your concern will be reviewed by an RQIA Inspector to determine any next steps.

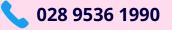


# Whistleblowing

Do you work for a health and social care body? Do you have concerns about your workplace?

You may make a whistleblowing disclosure to RQIA. In doing so, you can be protected under The Public Interest Disclosure (NI) Order 1998.

Any information given to us is passed to the appropriate person in RQIA, who will decide what action to take next. Further guidance is available on our website: www.rqia.org.uk



## **RQIA Strategic Objectives and Actions 2023-24**

# RQIA's Core Purpose To secure and to improve the safety and quality of health and social care services in Northern Ireland

## What we will do in 2023 to 2024 to achieve our core purpose

| Strategic Objectives                 | Actions to Achieve Outcomes   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| SCRUTINY:<br>Register,               | We will recruit Inspection Support Volunteers to join our Inspection Teams, so that patients, service users, families and others can more easily share their experience with us   |
| Inspect,<br>Report and<br>Enforce    | We will work with people to develop our tools and skills so that we can engage better with people living with dementia and other communication challenges   |
|                                      | We will target our effort on those services that show greatest risk to patient safety, by developing and sharing information in an intelligence led approach  |
|                                      | We will encourage service providers to tell their patients, service users, families, carers and others about their RQIA Inspection findings and what action they are taking to address issues found   |
| IMPROVE:<br>Safety and               | We will engage with people to review our Inspection methodology, encouraging a culture of openness that improves patient and service user safety  |
| quality of                           | We will support Public Inquiries by providing information to that enable effective investigation.   |
| services                             | We will undertake Reviews that help assess the effectiveness of services and follow up to embed recommendations and learning  |
|                                      | We will contribute to the development of the review of the Serious Adverse Incidents process, collaborating with others to ensure effective involvement in the process of all those affected  |
| BUILD:                               | We will develop a Partnership Agreement with the Department of Health to ensure effective delivery of our core purpose  |
| Partnerships<br>to strengthen        | We will refresh how we take calls and emails from patients, families, the public and service providers; how we deal with with their concerns and queries, and promote information on how to contact us  |
| safety                               | We will build on our relationships with professional Regulators and share information that help us work better together developing a shared 'Emerging Concerns' Protocol  |
| INFORM:<br>Service<br>Transformation | We will establish a Legislative and Policy Committee to work towards the development of a modernised legislative basis for oversight and regulation, supporting innovation and good governance in health and social care services (public; private and not for profit) allowing new ways of working while keeping people safe through effective and flexible risk based and proportionate regulatory activity |
|                                      | We will meet with health and social care policy leads, with Commissioners and regulators so that we are informed about issues and plans of other organisations and share our plans  |
|                                      | We will host and participate in events and activities that engage with political, professional and community leaders and the public, to support shared understanding and service change   |
|                                      | We will collate information about the key themes we are finding in our Inspections and publish these so that good practice is shared and risks are identified across services   |