Assurance approach for the advanced foundation trust assessment and IHO designation

Core requirements for all providers

NOF segmentation

Medium-term plan

Provider capability assessment



Eligibility criteria for the advanced foundation trust assessment

NOF segments 1 or 2 for 2 consecutive quarters

CQC*

Provider capability score of at least amber-green

Advanced foundation trust assessment

Builds on provider capability assessment across same 6 domains:

- · strategy, leadership and planning
- · quality of care
- · people and culture
- · access and delivery of services
- productivity and value for money
- · financial performance and oversight

IHO designation

Builds on the advanced foundation trust assessment to test potential to take on responsibility for population health and support within systems:

- · leadership and board capability
- population health management
- digital and analytical capability
- management of population health budget and risk
- partnership working
- governance

Medium-term financial plan

- forecast surplus within 3 years
- capability and track record in effective delivery of capital schemes

Triangulated with soft intelligence, third party information, CQC intelligence and understanding of the trust board's arrangements in relation to active engagement with stakeholders, including patients and service-users, carers (including unpaid), staff, volunteers, and the local community.

* "Good" or "outstanding" Care Quality Commission (CQC) rating from the trust's most recent CQC Well Led assessment, with no site or service rated inadequate.