

CQC Consultation on Fundamental Standards - changes for volunteers

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The CQC is consulting on new regulations to introduce Fundamental Standards as legal requirements that all providers should meet.

The new regulations contain wide-ranging changes aimed at improving the regulation of health and social care providers and ensuring that service users received safe, effective and responsive treatment and care.

The draft regulations are intended to be 'outcome focused' and include a much more transparent definition of 'employees' than under the current regulations. It is made clear under draft regulation (2)(2)(c) that volunteers are considered to be in 'employment' for the purpose of the regulations and therefore substantial information must be obtained from volunteers as well as employees.

The consultation document can be found [here](#). The deadline to respond is 4 April 2013.