



Understanding ratings: A guide for people using services and their families

What's changing?

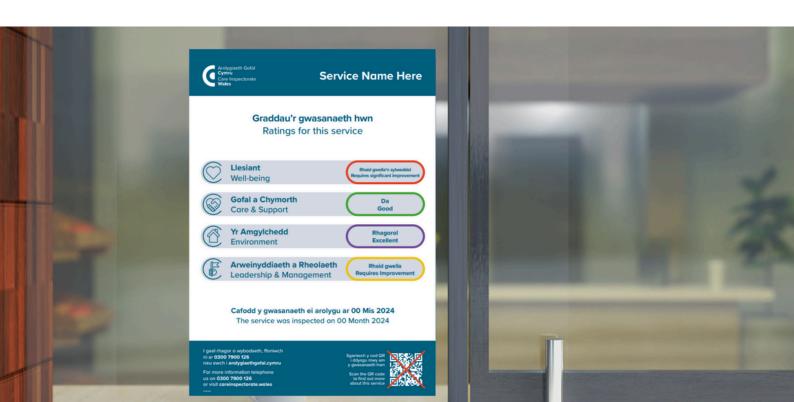
From 1 April 2025 all care homes and domiciliary support services inspected in Wales will receive ratings.

Most of these services will be legally required to display their ratings at their premises.

The following services DO NOT have to display ratings at their premises:

- Services for people under 18
- Small services with 4 or fewer residents
- Domiciliary support services where:
 - The service location is not accessible to the public
 - The service is provided from someone's private home

All care homes and domiciliary support services will be required to display their ratings on their website.



Understanding the four themes

Services will receive one of the following ratings:

Excellent

Good

Requires improvement

Requires significant improvement

These will be applied to four themes:

- How people are supported to be safe, happy and healthy.
- How choices and independence are respected.
- How people stay connected with others.

How well people's needs are met.

- How dignity and rights are protected.
- How safety is maintained.



Well-being

Care & support

Environment



- How comfortable and safe the building is.
- How well-maintained everything is.
- How the space helps independence.

- How well the service is run.
- How staff are supported.
- How the service keeps improving.

Where will you see ratings?

- On posters in care homes.
- On care service websites.
- In CIW inspection reports.
- On the <u>CIW online</u> directory.

How ratings help you:

Clarity at a glance:

Ratings provide an instant view of the quality of care you can expect from a service.

Choose with confidence:

Ratings enable you to more easily choose a care service that's right for you or your family member.

Driving continuous improvement:

Ratings encourage care providers to improve their services, ensuring those receiving care can thrive.

Your rights

- To see the ratings.
- To ask questions about them.
- To give feedback.
- To raise concerns if needed.

Get more information

- Ask your care provider.
- Visit the CIW website.
- Speak to your social worker.
- Contact advocacy services.