

**Care and Health Improvement
Programme (CHIP) – Markets
and Modelling Project**

Guide to finding the CQC location ID

To be used in conjunction with the
Market Analysis Data Information
template instructions [link here](#)

As part of the data collection for the CHIP¹ Markets and Modelling Project, participating councils are being asked to provide the CQC Location Identifier (ID) for each registered location they are purchasing care and support from. Adding the location ID to the data template will enable us to link data submitted by each local authority with other information about the provider, including for example the latest quality rating, and number of beds provided for bed based care.

- For Residential and Nursing Homes, there is a unique location ID for each residential or nursing home.
- For Supported Living and Domiciliary Care, there is a unique location ID for each provider office location that manages services in the area that the support is delivered in.

An increasing number of councils are routinely recording the CQC location ID, but for those who do not routinely do this, below are two links to the latest directories of active and deactivated locations as published each month by CQC². The files contain detailed information about all providers registered with CQC. **The location ID as required for the data template is in Column A.**

File - [CQC Active locations](#) (CTRL + CLICK to follow link and open the file)

This file allows you to easily filter providers currently registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Columns relating to CQC Location ID, location postal code, location region and location local authority have been copied at the start of the sheet to help you filter the information and find the right provider. *To find a specific postcode, click the down arrow in column B to filter, then select 'Text filter' and then 'Contains' to filter on a specific postal code.*

File - [CQC Deactivated locations](#) (CTRL + CLICK to follow link and open the file)

Depending on the timing of the snapshot for the Market Analysis Data Information Request, some providers may no longer be in business. This file contains details of providers previously registered with CQC that are no longer operating.

CQC publish a new version of the directories at the start of each month. We will update the files accessed through the links above to pull through the latest published information.

For questions/advice about any of the points above this, please contact: Daniel Fisher using ideamarketa@alderadvice.co.uk or call him on 07803 607 009.

¹ The Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) provides support to councils in England for social care, integration and health and digital improvement, as well as supporting the Transforming Care programme for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. It is the sector-led improvement programme for care and health, co-produced and delivered by the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) and funded by the Department of Health and Social Care.

² These are taken from the [CQC website](#) and are published as 'CQC Care Directory with Filters' and 'Deactivated locations'.

Additional information

If you are not familiar with the CQC location ID you may find the following frequently asked questions and answers about the CQC Location ID useful. CQC publish guidance about the [definition of a location](#) which may also be useful to you.

What is the CQC Location ID?

It is a unique number given by CQC to each location that they inspect. This includes care homes, domiciliary care agencies, hospitals, opticians etc. This location ID also features in the web link for each location they hold on their main website – for example the numbers 1-3056983363 on the link below are also the location ID for this service.

<https://www.cqc.org.uk/location/1-3056983363>

Does this number ever change?

Yes, it can do, particularly for Domiciliary Care for things like change of ownership, provider name etc.

Should councils routinely record this number?

Yes, it is good practice to record this number as it allows a council to identify the most up to date information about a service, including naming conventions, ownership, latest inspection rating etc. When the number held locally no longer corresponds to a number in the CQC database, this means something has changed with the service – this could mean it has closed, changed ownership or changed its registration status in some way. This allows a local authority to track changes in their local market periodically on an exception basis.

Filtering the CQC Directories

The spreadsheet is filtered on each column and in the first tab in the spreadsheet called 'Readme' the CQC provides some basic instructions as how to identify Care Home, Nursing and Residential home locations.

We have highlighted some of the key fields useful for filtering and searching through the CQC directories. You may find these useful when narrowing your search. You can use more than one filter at a time.



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