

Guidance Notes

Date: the date on which the issue was identified.

Source: how the issue was identified, e.g. Internal Audit (IA), CQC Inspection (CQC), Environmental Health Officer (EHO), Fire Officer (FO) etc.

Issue: a brief description of the problem / concern / improvement required.

Risk: the risk to service users' health, safety or wellbeing; risk to safety of staff / visitors; damage to the provider's reputation; financial loss etc:

- **Low**
- **Medium**
- **High.**

Action Plan: a brief description of the actions that will be taken to address the problem or concern, or to make the improvement.

Who: the person responsible for taking the action (this should always be a named individual)

When: the target date by which the action will be completed.

Progress: the current position regarding progress against the target date:

- **Complete (see below)**
- **Good** – no foreseen risk to completion by the target date
- **Behind** – some identified risk to completion by the target date
- **Poor** – target date missed, or significant risk identified to completion by the target date

It is suggested that when each item is completed, the line is “cut and pasted” into a separate table in order to provide a record of actions taken which can be produced as evidence of an ongoing commitment to improving the quality of the service.