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## Laws and regulations

### Consumer protection law:

- [Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008](#)
- [Consumer Contracts \(Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges\) Regulations 2013](#)
- [Consumer Rights Act 2015](#)

### England:

- [Health and Social Care Act 2008 \(Regulated Activities\) Regulations 2014](#) (regulation 16)

### Wales:

- [Adult Placement Schemes \(Wales\) Regulations 2004](#)
- [Public Services Ombudsman \(Wales\) Act 2005](#) (section 33(1))
- [Representations Procedure \(Wales\) Regulations 2014](#)
- [Social Services Complaints Procedure \(Wales\) Regulations 2014](#)
- [Regulation and Inspection of Social Care \(Wales\) Act 2016](#)
- [Regulated Services \(Services Providers and Responsible Individuals\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2017](#)

### Scotland:

- [Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Act 2002](#) (section 22(2)(a))
- [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#)

### Northern Ireland:

- [Nursing Homes Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2005](#)
- [Residential Care Homes Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2005](#)
- [Public Services Ombudsman Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2016](#) (section 25)

## UK regulators

### England

[Care Quality Commission](#)

### Wales

[Care Inspectorate Wales](#)

### Scotland

[Care Inspectorate](#)

### Northern Ireland

[Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority](#)

[Guidance on raising a concern](#)

## **UK ombudsmen**

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[Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman](#)

## **Background reading**

### **England**

[\*Adult Social Care: Quality Matters\*](#)

[\*Quality Matters: Acting on Compliments, Feedback and Complaints About Adult Social Care - a Good Practice Guide for Adult Social Care Practitioners\*](#)

[Complain about a service or provider](#)

### **Wales**

[\*Want to Complain About the Care you Pay for? You and the Ombudsman\*](#)

### **Scotland**

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[\*How to Complain About a Social Work Service\*](#)

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### **Northern Ireland**

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[\*Adult Safeguarding: Prevention and Protection in Partnership\*](#)

[\*Signposting to the Ombudsman - a Guide for Public Authorities\*](#)

[\*CMA Care Homes Market Study: Evidence from the Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland\*](#)

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## **Advocacy and support organisations by nation**

### **England**

[Patient Advice and Liaison Service](#)

[NHS advocacy](#)

[Patients Association](#)

[Citizens Advice](#)

### **Wales**

[Citizens Advice Wales](#)

[Advocacy Matters Wales](#)

### **Scotland**

[Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance](#)

[Citizens Advice Scotland](#)

### **Northern Ireland**

[Patient and Client Council](#)

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