



Audit tool for achieving age equality in health and social care

B2.2: Primary mental health care

B2.2.1: Delivery of primary mental health care by age

RED

The age appropriate needs of people are poorly understood, especially among older people, leading to under diagnosis, late intervention and inappropriate referrals.

AMBER

In primary care the mental health needs of people over 65 are recognised equally with those of younger people, and there is commitment to improving access to the full range of mental health services and support for all ages.

GREEN

People of different age groups have the same access to primary mental health care, including specialist knowledge and interests among general practitioners and access to multi-disciplinary community mental health teams, psychological therapies/ services, alcohol and drug treatment services, intermediate care and continuing care services.

B2.2.2: Levels of support and treatment to older people living in residential care

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The diverse mental health needs of older people living in care homes are not addressed and there is limited or no access to the same range of mental health support, including psychological therapies, as for everyone else.

AMBER

Access to mental health services and support varies by care home, locality and primary care practice/ team.

GREEN

Liaison services operate between care homes, GP services and community mental health teams, ensuring staff understand the range of mental health problems likely to be prevalent in a residential care home setting.