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CQC REPORT FINDS 80% OF NHS BODIES LAGGING ON PATIENT SAFETY

The patient safety charity, Action against Medical Accidents (AvMA) says that the latest "State of Care report published today by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) is a stark reminder of how far England has to go on patient safety. A startling 80% of NHS bodies inspected were rated "inadequate" or "requires improvement" when it comes to patient safety. AvMA also point out that even where organisations have been found to be requiring improvement on patient safety, some have been given a rating of "good" overall. The charity is asking for CQC to give patient safety greater priority and avoid giving organisations or the public a false sense of security.

AvMA chief executive, Peter Walsh, said:

"This is a startling reminder of how far we have to go on patient safety. It is totally unacceptable that patients in England are being left exposed by some organisations. However, it is some comfort that we have a regulator who is prepared to tell it as it is and a workforce who by and large are committed to their patients and their safety. We need the worst organisations to step up to the level of the best".

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