

# **SGSA Conference 2026**

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**Medical and First Aid Provision – Updates**

# Policy Updates



Manchester Arena – Event  
Healthcare Standard



Manchester Arena – Care  
Quality Commission (CQC)  
registration for event  
healthcare

# Event Healthcare Standard

- **Non-legislative guidance:** Applies in England only.
- **Purpose:** Sets principles for planning and delivering event healthcare.
- **Development:** Led by UKHSA review and King's College London workshops – industry professionals.
- **Governance:** NHS England led – Oversight Panel, Authorship Group and Review Group.
- **Consultation:** DHSC have just run stakeholder focus groups for feedback.
- **Clarification:** Not legally binding; guidance only at the moment.
- **Signposting:** Directs users to relevant guidance and regulations – e.g. Green Guide and Purple Guide.
- **Next steps:** Soft launch later this year ?
- **Future review:** Monitoring and stakeholder feedback, formal review in 2028.

# Standard – Feedback and Green Guide

## A. Training / Accreditation

First Responder  
Emergency Care (FREC)  
3 or  
First Aider at Work

## B. Terminology

Revise terminology to better reflect current roles, skills, and competencies of medical teams at sports grounds.

## C. Standard

Will the new standard provide clarity on the event medical services role –

- primary care **and/or**
- accident/incident response **and/or**
- major incident response (initial phases)

## D. Green Guide

Green Guide is seemingly well placed going forward.

2026 – NHS England Authorship and Review groups are aiming to finalise new Standard.

# Care Quality Commission



- Removing the exemption for regulating **treatment of people in a sports ground** and at cultural events (except when solely first aid).
- Does not appear to include treatment for players, athletes and event officials etc.
- Some are nervous about the extent of CQC involvement and whether all the complexities are fully understood regarding what ‘an event’ means – multi day festivals, road races, racetracks, football, concerts, arenas etc.
- CQC is developing detailed guidance on scope and is initiating a programme of engagement alongside a public consultation on the guidance.

# Care Quality Commission



- If the statutory instrument proceeds through Parliament and is agreed the regulation amendments come into force for the purpose of **registration only** from 7 September 2026.
- That means from that date CQC can begin accepting registrations for the newly regulated activities.
- Providers will have 15 months to register.
- Full commencement (including when it becomes an offence to provide in-scope TDDI without registration) is planned from 6 December 2027.