

Is cqc.org.uk safe? TrustSniffer's moderate-trust assessment: 65/100

cqc.org.uk

Verdict

65

OUT OF 100

MODERATE TRUST

cqc.org.uk is moderately trusted.

Most signals looked ordinary, and some evidence was missing. Read the checks below before you pay or hand over personal details.

Safe for Read-Only

Dynamic Interaction Caution

Assessed 2026-08-13 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Official regulator website for health and social care in England (CQC). Provides search for services, inspection reports, guidance for providers, news, publications and contact information. Uses standard analytics and cookie consent mechanisms.

Evidence status and limitations

- Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN
- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
 - Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0% confidence AbuseIPDB, 1 report; shared hosting inflates reports	CLEAR
Domain age	Not available No registration record was returned	NOTED
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH
Certificate	Encrypted connection Issued by GlobalSign GCC R6 AlphaSSL CA 2025	NOTED

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Safe for Read-Only.
- VirusTotal and Google Safe Browsing had no flags for this domain; its hosting IP carries AbuseIPDB reports below the confidence level TrustSniffer treats as a flag.

Full analysis

Overview

cqc.org.uk presents the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the independent regulator of health and social care in England. Its public-service purpose is to help visitors find care services, review inspection reports and ratings, access provider guidance, and read regulatory news and publications.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No blacklist, phishing, impersonation, malicious-content, or conflicting-identity indicators were observed. The homepage consistently presents the Care Quality Commission and its regulatory role, with public information and search functions rather than a commercial transaction or deposit model. One abuse report is associated with a shared content-delivery IP; it is attributed to Fastly infrastructure, is whitelisted with zero confidence, and was discounted because it does not specifically implicate the website. The available evidence therefore supports a low apparent scam or impersonation concern, while the operator's real-world identity remains likely rather than independently verified.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage identifies "The Care Quality Commission" and describes it as the independent regulator of health and social care in England.
- The homepage contains no login form, hidden sensitive form, wallet functionality, or external password-submission form.
- External checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, with no blacklist or Google Safe Browsing hit.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The site's content and navigation are consistent with a public-sector regulator: the About, Find care services, News, Publications, Guidance and regulation, and Contact us pages support an oversight and information function rather than a commercial financial service. Licensing is not presented as an operating claim on the reviewed pages, and no commercial license number is required by the described public-service model; nevertheless, the available page evidence does not independently establish the underlying legal entity beyond the site's own CQC presentation. A separate broker-focused reputational dataset produced no match, which is contextual reassurance only and not a legal or regulatory determination.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage provides searches for care homes, clinics, dentists, GP services, homecare agencies, hospitals, community services, and mental-health services.
- The homepage links to inspection reports, ratings, provider guidance, news, publications, feedback, and a provider portal.
- The site's transport encryption uses a valid DV certificate issued by GlobalSign GCC R6 AlphaSSL CA 2025, with validity to 2026-11-23.

What to Verify Next

Before sensitive or high-value activity, confirm that the intended destination is the official CQC domain through an independently sourced government or institutional reference, and use contact details obtained through that independent route rather than relying solely on an unsolicited message or embedded link. Where a provider-portal action involves personal, professional, or regulated information, confirm the purpose of the request and the applicable CQC process with the relevant organisation.

EVIDENCE

- The site exposes dedicated About us and Contact us pages in its primary navigation.
- The homepage offers a provider portal and a feedback function, creating distinct pathways that can be checked against the expected CQC workflow.
- The site uses standard search and feedback/consent forms rather than a payment or user-deposit workflow.

Summary Verdict

The website has a **moderate-trust posture** and is evidence-consistent with an established public regulatory information service. No active threat or identity-conflict indicators were observed, but the available evidence supports a likely rather than proven connection to the real-world operator. Routine public-information use is appropriate, with additional assurance warranted for sensitive or high-value interactions.

Infrastructure Integrity

The infrastructure record resolves the site to TBSH – CYBERFORT LIMITED in Great Britain on AS24958, while the technical serving sensor identifies AS54113, FASTLY – Fastly, Inc., in the United States. No confirmed CDN or WAF deployment is recorded in the infrastructure posture; the valid mainstream-issued TLS certificate provides transport protection but is not, by itself, proof of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Infrastructure resolution: hosted on AS24958 (TBSH – CYBERFORT LIMITED, GB).
- Technical serving sensor: served from AS54113 (FASTLY – Fastly, Inc., US).
- TLS certificate: GlobalSign GCC R6 AlphaSSL CA 2025, DV validation, valid to 2026-11-23T07:54:15+00:00.

Closing Assessment

Proceed with ordinary public-information use, while independently confirming the destination and organisational contact route before submitting sensitive information or undertaking any high-value action.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-13 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

1 finding contributed to this verdict, raised by behaviour in a sandbox.

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- The page rewrote itself after it was interacted with, so what a visitor first sees is not what they end up on.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DIFF_AFTER_INTERACTION
- The page sent data to a destination TrustSniffer does not recognise.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_NONWHITELISTED_POSTS
- The page replaced a large part of its own content after loading.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_CHANGE_HIGH
- The structure of the page changed sharply while it was loading.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_DOM_DENSITY_SPIKE
- The page exchanged network traffic with destinations TrustSniffer does not recognise.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_NONWHITELISTED_TRAFFIC
- The page made background requests to destinations TrustSniffer does not recognise.
Behaviour in a sandbox rule:BEHAV_NONWHITELISTED_XHR

Signals weighed against the site

- AbuseIPDB: 1 report on hosting IP 199.232.174.132 (Fastly, Inc., Content Delivery Network), 0% confidence. The reports are attributed to shared infrastructure, not specifically to this website.

Identity verification

Status	LIKELY
Identity score	79/100
Identity verification confidence	78%

- Trusted social count=3

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of cqg.org.uk.

- The request stayed on cqg.org.uk. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- It is hosted on FASTLY, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	Not available
Hosting	FASTLY - Fastly, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	199.232.174.132
Name servers	Not available
SSL issuer	GlobalSign GCC R6 AlphaSSL CA 2025
SSL expiry	2026-11-23
Domain age	Not available (no registration date was returned)
Domain expiry	Not available
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0
Reputation	VirusTotal: 0 flagged AbuseIPDB: 0% confidence, 1 report Google Safe Browsing: 0 matches

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about cqc.org.uk at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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