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The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) is an independent authority established to drive high-quality and safe care for people using our health and social care services in Ireland. HIQA's role is to develop standards, inspect and review health and social care services and support informed decisions on how services are delivered. HIQA's mandate extends across a specified range of public, private and voluntary sector services. Its regulation role is to register and inspect designated centres (older people and disabilities). It is proposed that HIQA introduces a new COVID-19 regulatory framework.

Action: HIQA publishes a COVID-19 Quality Assurance Regulatory Framework. This Framework will be designed to ensure that providers and staff are prepared for and have contingency plans in place for an outbreak of COVID-19. The Framework will be regulated in line with HIQA's monitoring approach by the Office the Chief Inspector through inspection and self-assessment. The Chief Inspector will have all the enforcement measures under Health Act 2007.

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