



Appendix 3. Service category definitions

The following table was supplied to audit participants to enable them to categorise services in the audit.

IC Function	Setting	Aim	Period	Workforce	Includes	Excludes
Crisis response	Community based services provided to service users in their own home / care home	Assessment and short-term interventions to avoid hospital admission	Services with an expected, standard response time of less than four hours. Interventions for the majority of service users will typically be short (less than 48 hours) but may last up to a week (if longer interventions are provided the service should be included under home based IC)	MDT but predominantly health professionals	Intermediate care assessment teams, rapid response and crisis resolution	Mental health crisis resolution services, community matrons/ active case management teams
Home based	Community based services provided to service users in their own home / care home	Intermediate care assessment and interventions supporting admission avoidance, faster recovery from illness, timely discharge from hospital and maximising independent living	Interventions for the majority of service users will last up to six weeks (though there will be individual exceptions)	MDT but predominantly health professionals and carers (in care homes)	Intermediate care rehabilitation	Single condition rehabilitation (e.g. stroke), early supported discharge, general district nursing services, mental health rehabilitation/ intermediate care



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Bed based	Service is provided within an acute hospital, community hospital, residential care home, nursing home, standalone intermediate care facility, independent sector facility, Local Authority facility or other bed based setting	Prevention of unnecessary acute hospital admissions and premature admissions to long term care and/or to receive patients from acute hospital settings for rehabilitation and to support timely discharge from hospital	Interventions for the majority of service users will last up to six weeks (though there will be individual exceptions)	MDT but predominantly health professionals and carers (in care homes)	Intermediate care bed based services	Single condition rehabilitation (e.g. stroke) units, general community hospital beds not designated as intermediate care/ rehabilitation, mental health rehabilitation beds
Re-ablement	Community based services provided to service users in their own home/care home	Helping people recover skills and confidence to live at home, maximising their level of independence so that their need for on going homecare support can be appropriately minimised	Interventions for the majority of service users will last up to six weeks (though there will be individual exceptions)	MDT but predominantly social care professionals	Home care re-ablement services	Social care services providing long term care packages