

# Sustainability Risk Checklist for Care Homes

Risk Category	Action Item
<b>Regulatory Compliance</b>	Assign a sustainability lead to track regulation updates.
	Engage with industry bodies and networks for regulatory insights.
	Develop an internal process for reviewing and implementing new sustainability regulations.
	Train staff on emerging sustainability regulations and compliance requirements.
	Monitor updates to CQC sustainability criteria and incorporate them into operational planning.
	Work with legal advisors to stay ahead of new environmental and social governance policies.
	Ensure sustainability is part of risk assessments and business continuity planning.
	Conduct regular internal sustainability audits to maintain compliance.
<b>Climate Resilience</b>	Conduct a climate risk assessment to identify vulnerabilities.
	Develop an extreme weather response plan, including heatwave and flood protocols.
	Upgrade insulation, ventilation, and cooling systems to improve climate resilience.
	Invest in sustainable energy solutions such as solar panels or battery storage.
	Establish a contingency plan for energy supply disruptions.
	Implement water conservation measures to protect against drought-related risks.
	Improve green space and tree coverage to provide natural cooling for the premises.
	Ensure transport and logistics plans include low-carbon alternatives.
<b>Financial Risk</b>	Integrate sustainability investments into financial planning and budget forecasting.
	Explore grants, low-carbon loans, and government incentives for sustainability projects.
	Prioritise cost-effective sustainability measures such as LED lighting and water-saving initiatives.
	Monitor and manage energy costs by adopting more efficient systems.
	Assess the financial impact of upcoming sustainability compliance requirements.
	Plan for building and infrastructure upgrades to improve long-term sustainability performance.
	Identify key sustainability investments that align with operational cost savings.
	Track sustainability-related operational costs and optimise efficiencies.
<b>Supply Chain Risk</b>	Audit suppliers to ensure they meet ethical and environmental standards.
	Develop a sustainable procurement policy to minimise supply chain risks.
	Source food and medical supplies from providers with strong sustainability credentials.
	Ensure suppliers have climate resilience plans to prevent service disruptions.
<b>Reputation Risk</b>	Communicate sustainability commitments to residents, families, and staff.
	Develop a sustainability marketing strategy to enhance reputation.
	Showcase sustainability initiatives on your website, social media, and resident materials.
	Engage with external sustainability certifications to boost credibility.
<b>Waste Management</b>	Implement an improved waste management system to reduce landfill use.
	Track waste output and set reduction targets.
	Increase recycling rates through resident and staff engagement campaigns.
	Reduce reliance on single-use plastics in care home operations.
<b>Governance &amp; Strategy</b>	Establish clear sustainability governance with designated accountability.
	Develop a sustainability policy and action plan aligned with business objectives.
	Monitor and report on sustainability performance through regular assessments.
	Set measurable sustainability goals and align them with overall business strategy.