

Table 1: DMAT Domains and items.

Domain	Item	Item description
Institutional Setting	1	Information about the organisation's legal responsibilities and duties in commissioning (buying) healthcare services for their population is publicly available and easy to find.
	2	The organisation demonstrates how it fulfils its legal responsibilities and duties in commissioning (buying) healthcare services for their population.
	3	The organisation is clear about its relationships and collaborations with other organisations in making decisions about local health services.
Transparency	4	Information about the organisation's structure, its decision-making criteria, important dates, and any other information that is of interest to you, is publicly available and easy to find.
	5	Information about the organisation's structure, its decision-making criteria and important dates and events is understandable.
	6	The organisation offers reasons for its decisions.
	7	The reasons that the organisation offers for its decisions are legitimate.
Accountability	8	The organisation clearly states to whom it is accountable.
	9	The organisation demonstrates that it fulfils its duty to be accountable.
	10	The organisation is open about how it makes decisions when faced with competing demands from different groups, individuals or organisations.
Participation	11	The organisation consults all groups whom it is required to consult by law.
	12	Information on the ways in which patients, members of the public, health professionals and other stakeholders can get involved is publicly available and explained.
	13	The organisation uses a wide range of techniques in consulting and engaging with stakeholders and the public.
	14	The organisation is transparent about how the views of patients, the public, health professionals and other stakeholders influence the ultimate decisions.
	15	The organisation's strategy for consulting patients, members of the public, health professionals and other stakeholders ensures that a wide range of views are heard.

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Clinical Effectiveness	16	The organisation has a system in place to identify relevant national guidance or standards.
	17	The organisation a system in place to manage uncertainties about, or unavailability of, evidence on clinical effectiveness.
	18	The organisation has a system in place to identify clinically ineffective services or treatments.
	19	The organisation has a system in place to decommission clinically ineffective services or treatments.
Cost-effectiveness	20	The organisation has a system in place to collect and evaluate evidence in order to ensure that what is commissioned is cost effective.
	21	The organisation has a system in place to manage uncertainties about, or unavailability of, evidence on cost effectiveness.
	22	The organisation explains how it considers the financial implication of each decision (including the financial impact on other services, for example).
Quality of Care	23	Information on quality of care, such as strategies and definitions, is publicly available and easy to find.
	24	Information on the quality performance of the services that the organisation commissions is publicly available and easy to find.
	25	The organisation can demonstrate that it has systems in place to identify and follow national quality care initiatives
Fairness	26	The organisation demonstrates that it has policies in place to identify equality and diversity concerns that may arise from its decisions and strategies.
	27	The organisation can demonstrate that it commissions services on the basis of clinical need and not on the basis of other characteristics such as age, gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation.
	28	When services are prioritised for special patient or population groups (children or older people, for example), the organisation explains the reasons for this.