



## Cultivating Quality: Thrive Quality Assurance Scheme

**Thrive is a national charity that uses gardening to change lives and aims to bring gardening as a therapy to the forefront of stakeholders within health and social care. Thrive carries out research, offers training and provides practical solutions so that anyone with a disability can take part, benefit and enjoy gardening. Thrive's Quality Assurance Scheme - Cultivating Quality - is an adaptation of PQASSO (Practical Quality Assurance System for small organisations) and is a quality assurance scheme aimed at practitioners for garden projects specifically those who provide social and therapeutic horticultural gardening projects.**



- The Cultivating Quality scheme has been developed by quality specialists and practitioners in social and therapeutic horticulture. The framework is a self-assessment tool, consisting of 11 standards or quality areas covering all aspects of running and managing a gardening project. The scheme is an adaptation of PQASSO, which itself is an established and valued scheme.

- Cultivating Quality is the only quality assurance scheme which offers elements specifically designed to meet the needs of social and therapeutic horticultural projects. It can be applied to projects of varying size and focus.
- The Cultivating Quality scheme demonstrates accountability and quality of projects to funders and it provides systematic attention to detail within a strategic framework of policies and value.

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### Benefits of the Cultivating Quality Scheme

- Helps improve quality of service to clients
- Helps funders to recognise that gardening is a mainstream activity.

### For what sectors of horticulture is Cultivating Quality Scheme suitable?

- Gardening projects aimed at the specialist field of social and therapeutic gardening for the disabled.

### What assurance categories does the Cultivating Quality Scheme cover?

- Accountability
- Resource Management including planning, managing, measuring and reporting performance in a systematic way
- Service efficiency, effectiveness and quality

### Costs of participation

- Cultivating Quality costs £138.50 to members of Thrive.
- For non-members, the cost is £168.50 and includes membership of Thrive.

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