

StarTrackerPlus Product Specification

Availability of StarTracker

StarTrackerPlus is published six times a year ie. at approximately two monthly intervals, and is sent as an attachment to an email. New subscribers are sent the issue that is currently available.

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Product Sample

As explained in detail below **StarTrackerPlus** is a spreadsheet and a pdf. A sample of these two files, together with a readme.txt file, can be downloaded at www.startracker.co.uk.

The sample records in the worksheet and in the pdf are of fictitious organisations and are provided to illustrate the type and format of the data. The records are not intended to show the records that will actually be supplied, nor the actual number of records, since the care homes, their quality ratings, and group ownership changes constantly.

Product Contents

StarTrackerPlus is supplied for downloading as a zip file, StarTracker.zip. In the zip file are four files:

1 StarTracker.xls is an Excel file of approximately 11Mb with three worksheets:

- ▶ Care Home Ratings
- ▶ Care Home Group Ratings
- ▶ Ratings by Local Authority Area

2 StarTracker_Group_List.pdf is a list of Care Home Groups in order of the % of their homes rated Excellent or Good

SECTOR	The ownership sector ie. local authority, NHS, private, or voluntary
CARE HOME GROUP	The name of the group where the home is operated by a group
LOCAL AUTHORITY	The county or unitary authority area in which the home is located
REGION	East Anglia, East Midlands, Greater London, North, North West, Northern Home Counties, South West, Southern Home Counties, West Midlands, or Yorkshire & Humberside

Filtering Records

The records in all three of the worksheets can be filtered so as to only show the records that have a particular value. For example in the Care Home Ratings worksheet, the Rating, Care Home Group, Client, Sector, Local Authority columns can all be filtered.

To apply a filter to all the columns in a worksheet, select Data | Filter from the menu bar, and then select Auto-Filter. A button with a downward arrow appears at the right hand side of every column in the first row of the worksheet.

If you click on one of these buttons. eg. the SECTOR column, a drop down list appears listing the values in the field, Local Authority, NHS, Private, or Voluntary plus some other options. If you select one of the values, say Private, the records refresh and the ones that appear are only those that are in the private sector. The number of records filtered is shown in the left hand side of the status bar at the bottom of the window eg. '12845 of 18464 records found'.

You can filter the records further by selecting other columns eg. the RATING column. If you select Good from the drop down list, the records refresh, and the ones that appear are only those that have a rating of Good, and are in the private sector. The number of records filtered as shown in the status bar will change eg. '6732 of 18464 records found'.

Whilst it is not possible to filter on more than one value in the same column at a time, a filter can be applied to any number of columns at the same time. To remove all filters, go to Data | Filter in the menu bar, and click on Auto-Filter (before you do this, you will see a tick beside Auto-Filter indicating that is active). All records will then be displayed again.

2nd Worksheet - Care Home Group Ratings

This worksheet consists of a record in alphabetical order of every care home group that operates care homes in England. There are 10 columns in the worksheet as below:

CARE HOME GROUP	
SECTOR	Ownership sector ie. L (local authority), N (NHS), P (private), or V (voluntary)
EXCELLENT	The number of homes operated by the group with this rating
GOOD	The number of homes operated by the group with this rating
ADEQUATE	The number of homes operated by the group with this rating
POOR	The number of homes operated by the group with this rating
SUSPENDED RATING	The number of homes operated by the group with this rating
NOT YET RATED	The number of homes operated by the group that are not yet rated
TOTAL	The number of homes operated by the group
% EXCELLENT OR GOOD	The percentage of the total number of homes operated by the group that have been given an Excellent or Good quality rating, excluding those not yet been rated

At the bottom of the worksheet after the last care home group record, there is a row giving a benchmark figure that shows:

- ▶ the total number of care homes in England operated by groups (excluding adult placement homes), that are awarded each quality rating
- ▶ the total number of care homes in England operated by care home groups

- ▶ the average percentage of care homes operated by care home groups given an Excellent or Good quality rating (excluding homes not yet been rated)

3rd Worksheet - Ratings by Local Authority Area

This worksheet consists of a record in alphabetical order of each of the 150 county/unitary local authority areas in England. There are nine columns in the worksheet as below:

LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA	
EXCELLENT	The number of homes within the local authority area with this rating
GOOD	The number of homes within the local authority area with this rating
ADEQUATE	The number of homes within the local authority area with this rating
POOR	The number of homes within the local authority area with this rating
SUSPENDED RATING	The number of homes within the local authority area with this rating
NOT YET RATED	The number of homes within the local authority area that are not yet rated
TOTAL	The number of homes within the local authority area
% EXCELLENT OR GOOD	The percentage of the total number of homes within the local authority area that have been given an Excellent or Good quality rating, excluding those not yet been rated

At the bottom of the worksheet after the last local authority record, there is a row giving a benchmark figure that shows:

- ▶ the total number of care homes in England (excluding adult placement homes) awarded each quality rating
- ▶ the total number of care homes in England
- ▶ the average percentage of care homes given an Excellent or Good quality rating (excluding homes not yet been rated)

The Pdf - StarTracker Group List

The pdf is a report of approximately 30 pages which lists the same care home groups in the 2nd worksheet, not in alphabetical order, but in descending order of the % of their homes rated Excellent or Good.

The care home groups that appear first in the list therefore have the highest % of homes rated Excellent or Good, and the groups that appear last, have the lowest %. Where groups have the same % the groups are listed in alphabetical order.

At the beginning of the report is the same benchmark figure that appears in the 2nd worksheet:

- ▶ the total number of care homes in England operated by groups that are awarded each quality rating
- ▶ the total number of care homes operated by care home groups
- ▶ the average % of those care homes rated Excellent or Good (excluding homes not yet been rated)

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