Clinical Recovery Readiness Assessment

A practical assessment for healthcare leaders responsible for continuity, cyber resilience and critical clinical services

Purpose
Use this assessment to identify where recovery confidence is supported by evidence and where further validation is required.

How to use this assessment

Score each statement from 0 to 3. Use evidence rather than assumptions. If the answer is unknown, score 0 and record the discovery action required.

Score	Meaning
0	Unknown or not in place
1	Partially defined
2	Implemented but not recently validated
3	Implemented, tested and evidenced

1. Service criticality

Assessment statement	Score 0-3	Evidence	Action required
Critical clinical and operational services are prioritised			
Dependencies are documented			
Recovery time and data-loss tolerances are agreed			

Service owners understand their role			

2. Recovery validation

Assessment statement	Score 0-3	Evidence	Action required
Full workload restores have been completed			
Application dependencies are included in tests			
Tests demonstrate recovery within agreed windows			
Evidence and lessons are documented			

3. Legacy workload coverage

Assessment statement	Score 0-3	Evidence	Action required
Legacy operating systems are identified			
Physical and virtual workloads are covered			
Specialist applications have documented recovery methods			
Replacement infrastructure requirements are understood			

4. Isolated and air-gapped environments

Assessment statement	Score 0-3	Evidence	Action required
Restricted-connectivity environments are identified			

Protection can be managed locally where required			
Recovery can proceed without external connectivity			
Local recovery resources are available			

5. Ransomware recovery operating model

Assessment statement	Score 0-3	Evidence	Action required
Authority to initiate recovery is defined			
Clean recovery points can be identified			
Service restoration order is agreed			
Restored systems are verified before return to service			

6. Governance and ownership

Assessment statement	Score 0-3	Evidence	Action required
Technical and clinical roles are assigned			
Escalation and communications are documented			
Recovery plans are reviewed after change			
Outstanding gaps have owners and target actions			

Recovery maturity interpretation

Total score	Maturity	Recommended response

0-18	**Exposure not yet understood**	Prioritise discovery and service mapping.
19-36	**Protection in place, evidence limited**	Validate full restores and dependencies.
37-54	**Recovery defined, further assurance needed**	Exercise priority services and close evidence gaps.
55-72	**Recovery evidence established**	Maintain testing, governance and continuous improvement.

Priority recovery-gap summary

Most critical service requiring validation

Oldest or hardest-to-recover workload

Largest dependency or documentation gap

Isolated environment requiring local recovery

Next recovery exercise or technical review

Recommended follow-up

Use the findings to scope a Clinical Recovery Readiness Review with Switchshop and Acronis. The review should validate critical workloads, legacy coverage, isolated environments, ownership and restore evidence.