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Assurance Snapshot
Questions Worth Asking

Introduction

This short reflection tool helps organisations see whether assurance exists in practice or only on paper.

It is not a checklist, an audit, or a pass/fail exercise, it is a prompt to ask whether what is meant to work, does.

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What Matters

Answer each briefly: Yes / No / Unsure

1. Do we know which assets, activities, or people matter most to our continuity?
2. Are ownership and accountability for those assets clearly assigned?
3. Has that ownership been tested through an exercise or review in the last 12 months?

What Might Fail

Answer each briefly: Yes / No / Unsure

4. Are our monitoring systems (CCTV, sensors, alarms) actively reviewed, not just installed?
5. Do we know where the physical or procedural blind spots are?
6. Have temporary works, contractor access, or layout changes been reassessed for new risks?
7. Are escalation and communication steps defined and rehearsed?

What Happens Next

Answer each briefly: Yes / No / Unsure

8. Who makes the first operational decision during an incident, and do they know that?
9. How are assurance findings or near-misses recorded, shared, and closed?
10. Could we demonstrate to an insurer or regulator tomorrow that our systems are tested and maintained?

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Interpreting Your Snapshot

If more than three answers are “Unsure”, your assurance plan may not be working as intended.

This is not a compliance test. It is a mirror: a way to see where confidence ends and assumption begins.

Closing Thoughts

Assurance is not about more equipment

It is about knowing that what you already have still works

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