

Appendix 4 – Climate adaptation activities in Local NHS organisations

In their annual sustainability report, MFT outline plans to embed the learning of 2022/23 and update the MFT Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The updated plan will encompass improvements to building infrastructure, increase the number of water points across sites to keep staff and visitors hydrated during episodes of extreme heat, and will further develop current plans to prepare and respond to extreme weather events. Business Continuity Plans will also be assessed to provide more targeted support for service leads to enhance existing local plans to make clinical services more resilient in the face of increased demand. MFT reasserts commitment to being an active participant in climate change adaptation networks. The adaptation agenda has continued to grow in importance (in comparison to historic focus on action to reduce emissions), MFT has committed to continue to gather evidence and insights from across the UK and Europe to improve their approach.

The GMMH list climate resilience as an area of focus for the new sustainability plan, however, no further documentation or evidence of work towards developing a climate adaptation plan is available. In the Annual Report and Accounts 2022-2023 for the Christine NHS Foundation Trust, authors stipulated a climate change risk assessment has been piloted and have committed to developing an adaptation plan.

There is no locally produced primary care specific policy on climate adaptation. However, the NHS GM plan provides guidance to support climate adaptation work in primary care in Manchester.