

At NHS Property Services (NHSPS), we recognise that climate change is one of the biggest threats of our century. It not only presents a challenge to the UK economy, but it is also a threat to the foundations of good health, with direct and immediate consequences for the patients, the public and the NHS. With increasing temperatures, rising sea levels and pollution, extreme weather events such as flooding, heatwaves and droughts are occurring more frequently than expected or predicted. It is therefore vital that we establish measures that bring about preparedness and build resilience against such phenomena. We appreciate that making informed, timely and far-sighted strategic decisions where climate adaptation is concerned will help strengthen our position as an environmentally sustainable infrastructure provider for the NHS. That said, it plays a significant role in the delivery of our core purpose, which is to enable excellent customer care.

To achieve this goal, our aim is to establish an effective Adaptation Management Plan that addresses transition and physical climate risks. We also look to exploit the opportunities presented by both the current and projected effects of climate change.

We, at NHSPS, are committed to:

- Ensuring there is adequate governance and leadership commitment towards the organisation's adaptation to climate change.
- Securing sufficient resource(s), human, financial or otherwise, for the purpose of delivering this initiative.
- Ensuring adaptation is embedded within our corporate strategy, internal policies, and operational procedures. These include our Business Continuity Plan, Energy Policy and Environment Policy.
- Utilising both structural and green approaches to improve the adaptive capacity of the infrastructure at our facilities.
- Setting clear and well-defined short and long-term goals aimed at improving our adaptive capability.
- Advocating cultural and behavioural change of our colleagues, supply chain, stakeholders and interested parties.
- Ensuring compliance with relevant legal obligations and keeping up with new and updated policies on climate change.
- Utilising applicable standards and frameworks within the delivery of our initiative.
- Providing relevant information, instruction, and training to our colleagues to enable competent understanding of climate-related subjects.
- Widening adaptation capability beyond NHSPS by building resilience along our value and supply chain.
- Implementing an Adaptation Management Plan that ensures our infrastructure is fit-for-purpose for customer use and help facilitate the delivery of excellent patient care.
- Ensuring our Adaptation Management Plan remains applicable and relevant to our organisation.

In addition to the above, we will ensure the development and implementation of our Adaptation Management Plan does not occur in isolation. We look to collaborate with the wider NHS and other interested parties where possible. We will also plan stages to review its effectiveness as well as making sure actions with high cost and long-lead times are sufficiently monitored and progressed. We will remain vigilant to technological advancements by exploring methods that bring improvement and innovation to our business.

Our Executive Committee understands the general climate-related risks and opportunities that are likely to have a material impact on the organisation. As such, they support the development of our Adaptation Management Plan and endorse the implementation of this policy. This policy is accessible to all NHSPS colleagues and can be made available to interested external parties upon request.

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