

AWARD: Adaptation – best resilience strategy

Changing weather patterns, more frequent extreme weather and rising temperatures pose challenges to the way the NHS, public health and social care systems operate.

This award will showcase an organisation and its workforce from any part of the system that is well-prepared and trained to deal with extreme weather scenarios. The entry should show how the organisation has prioritised, developed and put in place plans to mitigate any impact on service delivery, staff and patients' wellbeing and the supply chain. The organisation may also support the community to reduce pressure on the system at times of extreme weather.

Applicants should evidence at least one example of how it has implemented innovative or new technologies, systems or partnerships that help improve the resilience, flexibility and adaptation of its systems and infrastructure.

This organisation will have assessed potential local climate change impacts, the impacts these may have on the organisation and its work and have an adopted adaptation plan, either standalone or as part of the organisation's sustainable development management plan.

As the judges mark your entry they will be looking for:

- A clear description of why your organisation/project is exemplary
- Any evidence of environmental, social and/or local economic benefits
- Lasting and replicable change
- Details of any financial savings
- Benefits to staff, patient or population health
- Challenges the organisation has had to overcome.