

Stakeholder engagement activities for Dorset Adaptation Project 2026

1. ICS-wide Workshop

What: An initial workshop to introduce the project and the concept of climate change and adaptation, and gain input to inform the project such as the risks people are most concerned about and the activities currently happening and data available that could be relevant.

When: May or early June

Who: ICS-wide

Draft Agenda:

- **Opening address** - From a senior figure within Our Dorset to emphasise the importance of this work.
- **Intro to climate change and adaptation (SWM)** – presentation exploring climate trends and projections for England and experienced and projected impacts on the healthcare system from climate change (local examples where possible).
- **Case study: Impacts in Dorset** - A presentation from LRF on recent flooding events and general trends being seen on extreme weather and the impacts felt on the sector.
- **Discussion: experiences of extreme weather** - A short activity/discussion for attendees to share experiences they have had of climate impacts to solidify understanding of the issue and so that SWM can start to understand the main risks to the area.
- **Intro to Adaptation (SWM)** - presentation on the definition of adaptation (compared to mitigation/net zero) with local or NHS-specific examples of adaptation.
- **Activity: Scenario planning** - Splitting into groups, review specific examples of potential scenarios and list the impacts they would expect from these situations. A focus on systems thinking, getting people to consider impacts beyond their area and how impacts interact/cascade.
- **Delivering adaptation (SWM)** - presentation on more information on building capacity for adaptation, which is not only about specific actions but about understanding the challenge, working together, etc. from CAF
- **Activity: building capacity for adaptation** - Labelling risk maps from previous activity with relevant teams and suggesting different data, current activities, and other information that can inform and drive work to address these risks. A specific focus on giving SWM the context of existing activities and structures that adaptation could fit within and any data that could be used to inform the project.
- **Discussion/ Q&A** - Opportunity for questions. Prompt: asking what support they would need to successfully implement adaptation and what barriers are in their way.
- **Next steps (SWM)** - A 'next steps' presentation (presented by SWM and/or the client) to warm attendees up to getting involved in further engagement and co-development of the rest of the project.

2. Directorate-level workshops

What: An opportunity to teach a more tailored group of stakeholders about the Climate Adaptation Framework and explain the outputs to be expected from this project, splitting groups up based on theme/ directorate. Groups will then review relevant risks and adaptation recommendations developed so far by SWM, hopefully resulting in more specific risks and actions in relation to governance etc. and encouraging ownership of risks and actions. These workshops are in place of 1-on-1 interviews, of which 18 to 20 were budgeted, so SWM **agree to 5 or 6 workshops.**

When: June-July

Who: TBD with client team, grouped into themes such as:

1. The Built Environment (the estate and infrastructure it is reliant on e.g., roads and energy)
2. Clinical operations on-site (the delivery of healthcare on site)
3. Clinical operations off-site (the delivery of healthcare in the community)
4. Non-clinical operations (the procurement, maintenance, and management of facilities and equipment)
5. Digital services and IT (may be able to combine with non-clinical ops, TBD)
6. Health in Dorset (current population health and the wider determinants of health)
7. *Maybe: Strategic-level (People, Sustainability, Compliance)*

3. Survey

What: An MS Forms survey providing an opportunity for individuals who are not able to engage in the workshops or have extra information they wish to share, to provide further information to inform the CCRA and adaptation plan.

When: July-August

Example Qs:

1. What areas of operations and services do you cover in your role? How does this relate to health and healthcare delivery in your area?
2. What, if any, data do you have relevant to climate change impacts or potential vulnerabilities to these? Can you share this?
3. Are you aware of the risks and impacts to your service area from climate change? What do you perceive to be the biggest risks?
4. Have you experienced any impacts so far from extreme weather or climate change?
5. Have you/are you doing anything to adapt to or prepare for these impacts?
6. What are the biggest challenges/areas of support you need in this area?
7. What do your governance structures, policies and strategies say about climate change currently?

4. Presentations to Board

What: SWM to share with the Trust(s) board a general update about the project.

When: Midway through and at the end of the project. Specific dates dependent on when the board meets.

5. Consultation

What: Opportunity for stakeholders engaged throughout the project to review the draft adaptation plan (main report only) and provide feedback.

When: Two-three weeks near end of project, 28 Sept to 16 Oct.

Who: Most stakeholders engaged throughout the project.

How: SWM to share a PDF version of the plan with line numbers, and a spreadsheet with corresponding line numbers for people to input their comments into. This is the most time-efficient way for SWM to process the comments from many people at once.

6. Community of Practice Launch

What: Within this project SWM are producing a Terms of Reference for an Adaptation Working Group as part of the recommended governance arrangements for delivering the adaptation plan going forward. We will also therefore host a 'Launch' meeting where key stakeholders come together to review a draft Terms of Reference from SWM and together shape a final version that includes details on governance, responsibilities, and the commitments required of the organisations and teams involved.

When: Near end of the project, around October/November.

Who: Key stakeholders for delivery of the action plan. TBD with clients during project.