Essex County Council

Impact of Hot Weather

South Provider Forum

September 2026



Extreme Weather events likely to become more frequent!

On your tables discuss

- Preparedness
- Impact on service delivery
- Impact on staff
- Impact on residents
- Key learnings to take forward

Questions to consider

- **Rate how prepared were you for the Heatwave?**
  - Do your Business Continuity Plans cover extreme weather conditions and were they effectively deployed
  - Did you keep up-to-date with communications (such as weather apps, NHS alerts, Provider Bulletins, etc)
  - Do Care Plans include heatwave responses
- **Impact on service delivery**
  - Were there targeted welfare checks for high-risk adults
  - Were system impacts (such as changes to hospital discharge) observed
  - Were there instances where you needed to escalate service delivery issues to ECC due to the heat
- **Impact on staff**
  - Were flexible working arrangements introduced (including clothing options)
  - Were staff able to maintain good hydration
- **Impact on residents**
  - Were you able to meet individual needs (including hydration) and infection control, whilst trying to preserve water consumption
  - Were increases in safeguarding or urgent care packages observed
- **Key learnings to take forward**

Key Contacts

- **NHS alerts**
  - Weather-Health Alerting system registration form
- **Provider Bulletin**
  - Provider Hub | Provider Hub | Essex
- **UK Health Security Agency**
  - UK Health Security Agency - GOV.UK