

**PART 4 Adaptation**

**Assessing and managing risk**

**4a Has the body assessed current and future climate-related risks?**

If yes, provide a reference or link to any such risk assessment(s).

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**4b What arrangements does the body have in place to manage climate-related risks?**

Provide details of any climate change adaptation strategies, action plans and risk management procedures, and any climate change adaptation policies which apply across the body.

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**Taking action**

**4c What action has the body taken to adapt to climate change?**

Include details of work to increase awareness of the need to adapt to climate change and build the capacity of staff and stakeholders to assess risk and implement action. The body may wish to make reference to the Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme ("the Programme").

The ACHSCP's strategic plan (2022-2025) outlines "The need to address the wider determinants of health which impact on inequity of access to health and social care services such as housing / homelessness, climate change, and cost of living concerns" and that the impacts of these determinants on current and future health inequalities requires the ACHSCP to plan to "address these and build resilience to prevent ill health and enable people to achieve fulfilling, healthier lives. We need to focus on recovery and renewal, building resilience for the future." Through the ACHSCP's climate change project (2022-2025), climate adaptation considerations will be comprehensively integrated into everything the ACHSCP does, including considerations of resource allocation/spending, commissioning of services, business continuity and civil contingency. This will be supported by a cluster of cultural/behavioural change activities that will raise the understanding of the need for climate change adaptation, as well as equipping all staff with the analytical and actioning tools required to address climate change adaptation within their remit and sphere of influence. This will be enabled through awareness raising, provision on trainings and the appointment of climate change champions in individual teams.

**4d Where applicable, what contribution has the body made to helping deliver the Programme?**

Provide any other relevant supporting information

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### Review, monitoring and evaluation

**4e What arrangements does the body have in place to review current and future climate risks?**

Provide details of arrangements to review current and future climate risks, for example, what timescales are in place to review the climate change risk assessments referred to in Question 4(a) and adaptation strategies, action plans, procedures and policies in Question 4(b).

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**4f What arrangements does the body have in place to monitor and evaluate the impact of the adaptation actions?**

Please provide details of monitoring and evaluation criteria and adaptation indicators used to assess the effectiveness of actions detailed under Question 4(c) and Question 4(d).

Climate change adaptation and mitigation impact statements will be included in Aberdeen City IJB reports from 2023 onwards. These will be voluntary and run as pre-alpha versions until comprehensive impact assessment tools are developed and staff are educated and trained on how to apply them within the remit of their work. It is expected that these will become an obligatory feature of all IJB reports from April 2025 onwards, or once the aforementioned efforts are completed, whichever is earlier.

### Future priorities for adaptation

**4g What are the body's top 5 climate change adaptation priorities for the year ahead?**

Provide a summary of the areas and activities of focus for the year ahead.

The priorities for the coming year (2023-24) will be to (1) kick-start the ACHSCP's climate change project (2022-2025) (2) include climate change adaptation impact statements into IJB reports (3) initiate awareness- raising efforts on climate change adaptation (4) identification of climate change champions across individual teams (5) initiate efforts to integrate climate change adaptation into the ACHSCP's risk register.

### Further information

**4h Supporting information and best practice**

Provide any other relevant supporting information and any examples of best practice by the body in relation to adaption.

