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Ein cyf/Our ref WQ96964

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Dear Rhys,

I am writing to in response to written question WQ96964: How is the Welsh Government preparing the NHS for the threats posed by hot weather events caused by rising global temperatures associated with climate change?

We are committed to ensuring that people are protected from the health impacts of climate change, including heat and hot weather events, and that we have quality and accessible healthcare for people during such periods.

NHS organisations must embed action on the climate emergency in decision-making and plans. The [Climate Adaptation Strategy for Wales](#), which was published in October 2024 sets out the actions the Welsh Government and other public bodies will take to increase climate resilience, including population health, the health service and the wider determinants of health.

We published the [Health and Social Care Adaptation Toolkit](#) to support and guide the sector to update its climate action plans to prepare for climate-related events. This year, we have launched the Adaptation Accelerator project to train a cohort of NHS staff to build the skills and knowledge required to develop risk assessments and actions to increase resilience.

We are working with Public Health Wales to develop and improve climate and health surveillance systems to advance understanding, generate evidence and inform climate risk and opportunity assessments, and to inform adaptation planning and actions across Wales.

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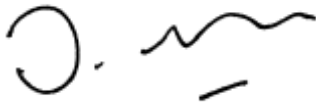
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In 2023, Public Health Wales published the [Climate Change Health Impact Assessment](#) to ensure the health and well-being impacts of climate change are fully embedded in decision-making and any co-benefits to health are maximised.

Finally, in terms of NHS seasonal preparedness for both hot and cold weather, the Chief Medical Officer for Wales has issued public health links every year for the past four years, which set out the Welsh Government's expectations of health and social care practitioners.

This is the most recent CMO's heat health advice note, which was issued on 18 June: [2025 Heat Health Advice note \(Welsh\).pdf](#) and [2025 Heat Health Advice note \(English\).pdf](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'J' followed by a series of wavy lines and a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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