

H8 Heatwave

Policy

To ensure staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities in the event of a heatwave.

Procedure

Managers must familiarise themselves with the 'Council Heatwave plan'.

The Council heatwave plan must also be followed in the event of a heatwave.

Managers / Supervisors must identify the most vulnerable individuals at risk and record on the person-centred care plan and implement a risk assessment if needed.

Staff must ensure extra fluids are available to the people we are supporting; blinds are pulled down and fans (Individual fan for individual use only in bedroom) are available if required. Community services should follow a similar principle.

The people who use the service may wish to access the outdoors and must be provided with sun protection cream, a hat and plenty of fluids.

Staff who are mobile or working in the community must ensure they have plenty of fluids available to them, if required staff can use Council Corporate buildings to access water stations to top up fluids.

Any person using the service sitting outside must be monitored at all times (N/A to shared Lives and Support at Home).

Cool areas should be created where possible.

Specific Links

Everyone can sign up to the heat health alert system: [Heat-health Alert service - Met Office](#)

Also check the adult social care beat the heat card:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/beat-the-heat-hot-weather-advice> .

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heatwave-plan-for-england>

| Extra Care Housing Service | Support at Home Service | OA Day Services | Residential Services | DMH Day Services | DMH Supported Living Services | Community Equipment Services | Shared Lives Service |
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