

Harnessing digital twin technology to drive business and cultural change within the water industry



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Introductions



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Problem Statement



HIGH

• Poor asset data quality

LOW

- Low preventative maintenance completion rate
- Low confidence in effectiveness of preventative maintenance strategy
- Lack of clear, standardised job instructions
- Lack of staff engagement

- High asset failure rate
- High volume of reactive maintenance 70% avg.
- High volume of pollution and loss of supply events
- High volume of penalty fines
- High pressure from government, regulatory bodies, and local communities to see improvements





Project Overview



- Planned Maintenance Project developed to drive overall asset health and reliability improvements.
- Focusing on improving operational awareness and management of asset health through:
 - Implementation of standardised human senses tours based on FMECA output.
 - Provision of Standard Operating Procedures to provide clear and concise guidance for Ops.
 - Training of field teams to support project embedment.
- Originally scoped to cover 100 high risk Wastewater Pumping Stations, re-scoped to encompass entire Southern Water operational estate.

Project Deliverables



Asset Data Capture

- Surveyed >100 sites across SW estate
- Completed on Clean Water, Wastewater, and Network sites
- Inclusion of 3D Photogrammetry



Binnies team completing asset data capture

FMECA & Network Maps

- Process-specific FMECAS to create maintenance task lists
- Network Maps to support FMECA and site teams



Standard Operating Procedures

- Templated and Site-Specific approach
- Creation of standardised job instructions
- Used to drive best practice



Project Deliverables



Maintenance Task Refresh

- Review of existing maintenance tasks
- Removal of non-value add activities
- Ensure tasks mitigate failure modes
- Documentation refresh



Unified Risk Model

- New dynamic approach to managing asset risk
- Looks at all impacting factors
- Uses dynamic data to reflect changing likelihood of failure



Training & Embedment

- Train operational staff on new ways of working
- Gain familiarity with new tools & equipment
- Field-based embedment checks



Southern Water staff completing training activities





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Project Embedment

- On-Site embedment checks completed across all business areas
- Completed on a 1-2-1 basis with Ops teams
- Circa 200 embedment sessions completed across Wastewater & Clean water
- Embedment checks included confirming Ops can use new systems and tools, and are following procedures correctly

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Results to Date



500+ employees trained 67 training courses delivered 4.58/5 overall satisfaction

score

Confidence Check "I'm confident Southern Water can delivery Planned Maintenance"- Overall Score



84% of staff

confident

changes will land

"The course exceeded my expectations; the interactive element was especially engaging"

"I normally don't get much out of training, but I found this course engaging and interesting really helpful in terms of knowledge for myself being relatively new"

"Very good course. Really helpful and good ideas. What's been needed to move forward with technology."

"This was the best and most engaging course!"

Results to Date



Up to 80% schedule compliance

Asset condition conversations







25% uplift in registered assets

40% error margin corrected in asset data

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c.20,000 Operational documents created



Challenges



- Organisational culture
- Key Stakeholder buy-in / change fatigue
- Lack of Operational grip
- Impact from parallel initiatives not delivering (inc. enabling activities)
- Data management systems
 - Poor data availability
 - Poor data quality
 - Lack of confidence in available data
- Existing CMMS & supporting systems not able to accept new data inputs (asset condition scores)
- Further resistance due to teams seeing it as an additional burden, rather than a way to break the reactive cycle

Next Steps

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Introduction of IBM Maximo CMMS

Asset Condition Scoring Capability

Isle of Wight Pilot





CBM Implementation









Thank you for listening,

Any Questions?

