# Health, climate change and sustainable development:

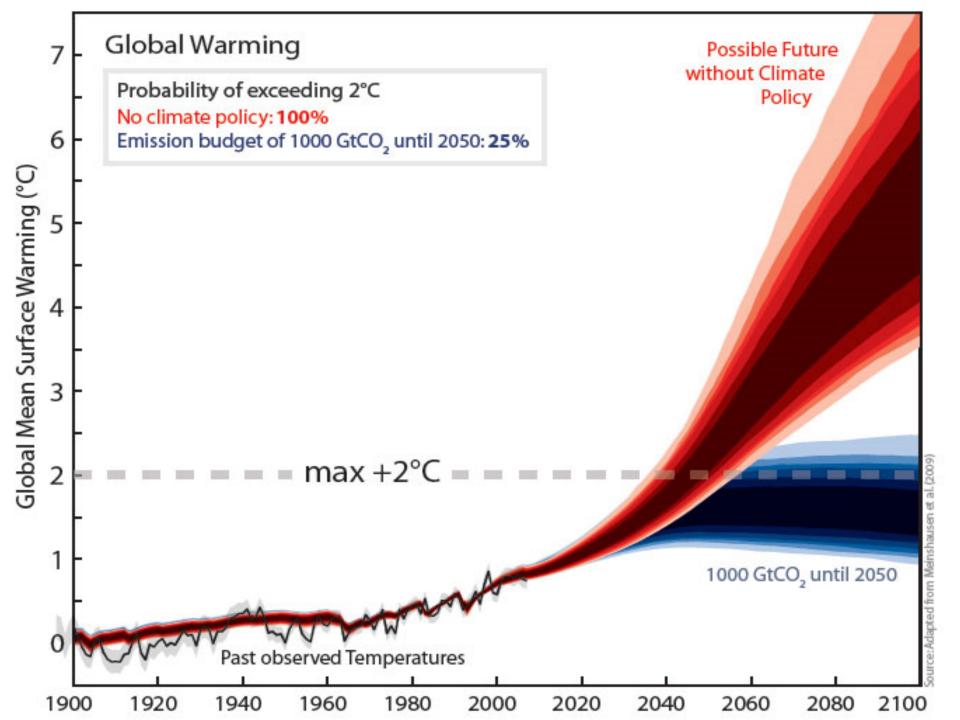
engaging policy-makers, politicians, the public and private sectors

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## Climate change

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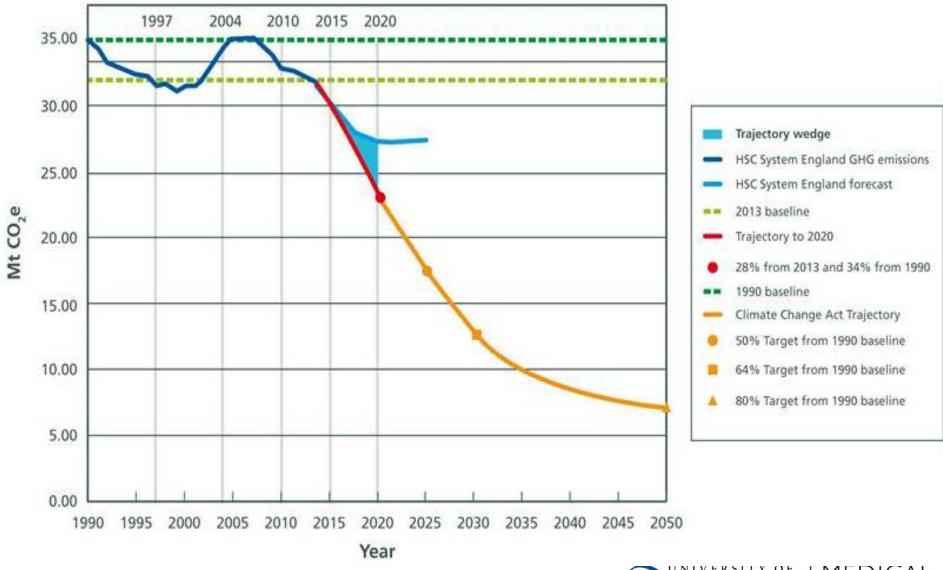
"Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century."

# Health and care services

# Climate change

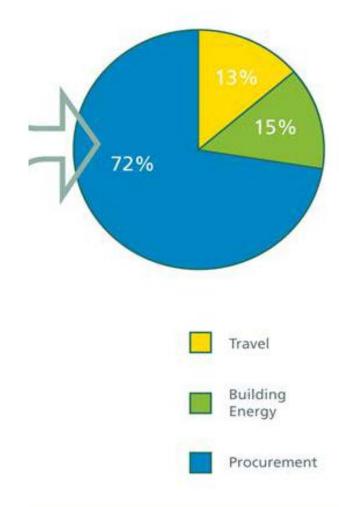
#### Health and Social Care England Carbon Footprint

CO2e baseline from 1990 to 2025 with Climate Change targets





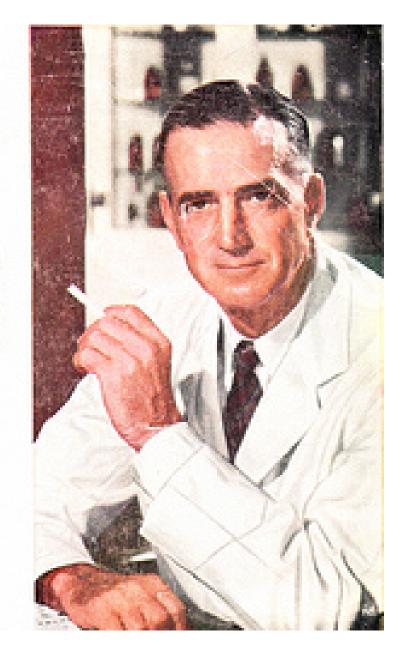
#### NHS, Public Health and Social Care carbon footprint breakdown 2012



Breaking down the carbon footprint demonstrates three key areas to focus carbon reduction activity.

According to repeated nationwide surveys,

# More Doctors Smoke CAMELS than any other cigarette!



#### The five most trusted professions, 2017

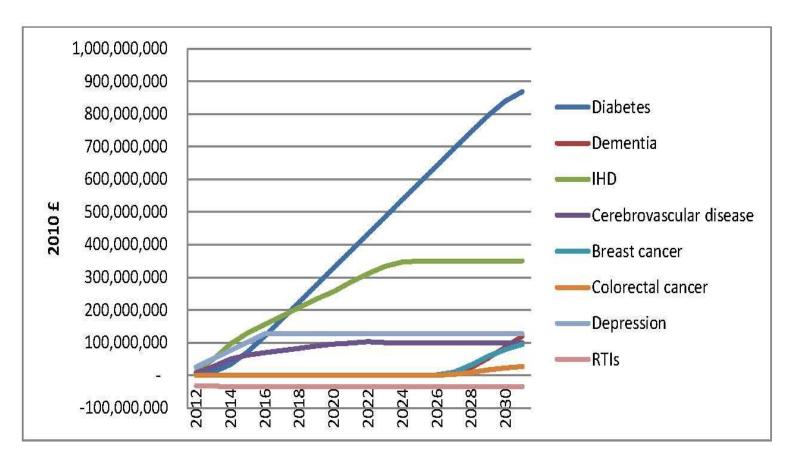
2016 score: % trust to tell the truth: 94% Nurses 93% **Doctors** 91% 91% **Teachers** 87% 88% **Professors** 85% Scientists 83% 80%



## Increased active travel and low carbon transporthealth and environmental benefits

(Woodcock et al 2009, Jarrett et al 2012))

Figure 1: Potential annual NHS expenditure averted by year and health outcome from Increased Active Travel scenario





# This is not just a scientific and technical issue, it's a communication, engagement and political issue...





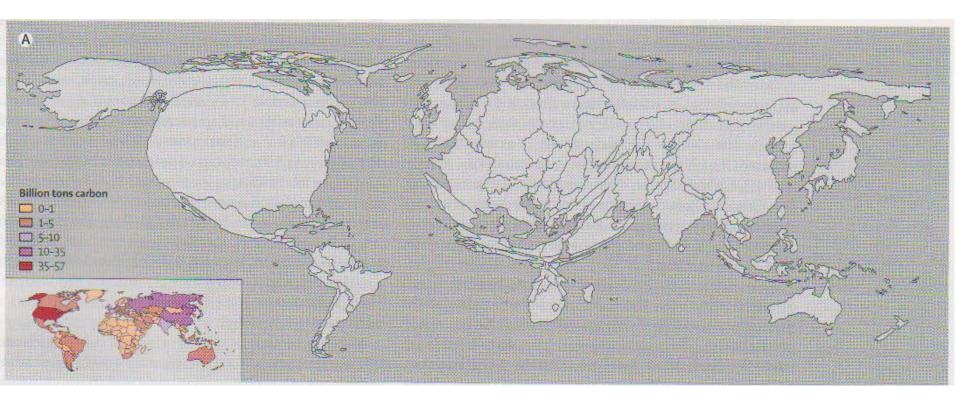


- Science
  - Climate breakdown
  - Pollution / harm /pollution
  - Biodiversity loss
- Legal
- Economic / financial
- Health
- Rights / moral / ethical
- Resilience
- Security
- ...other

## Engaging with climate change - frames



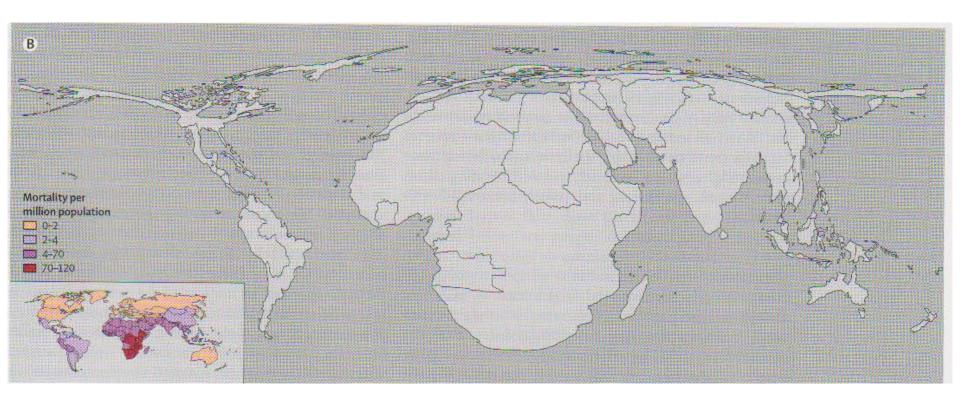
## Who produces the greenhouse gases?



The world map reflecting production related to climate change.

"Climate Change presents the biggest threat to health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" The Lancet (373;9697 pp 1659-1734, May 16-22 2009).

## Who bears the <u>burden</u>?



The world map reflecting mortality related to climate change.

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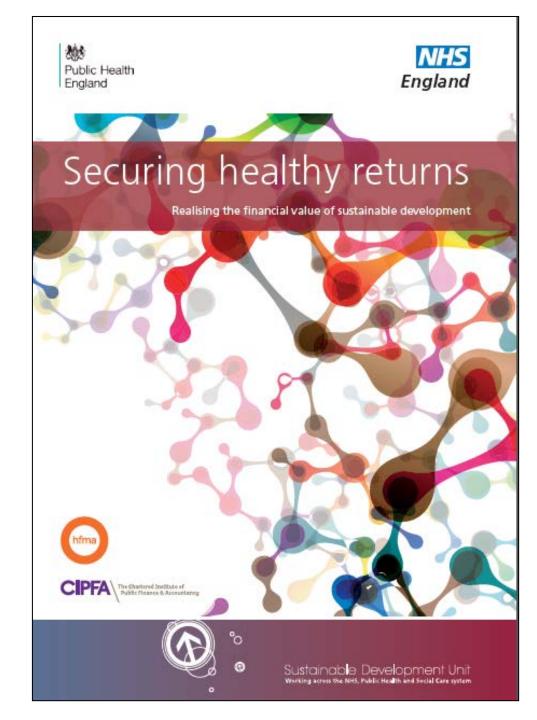


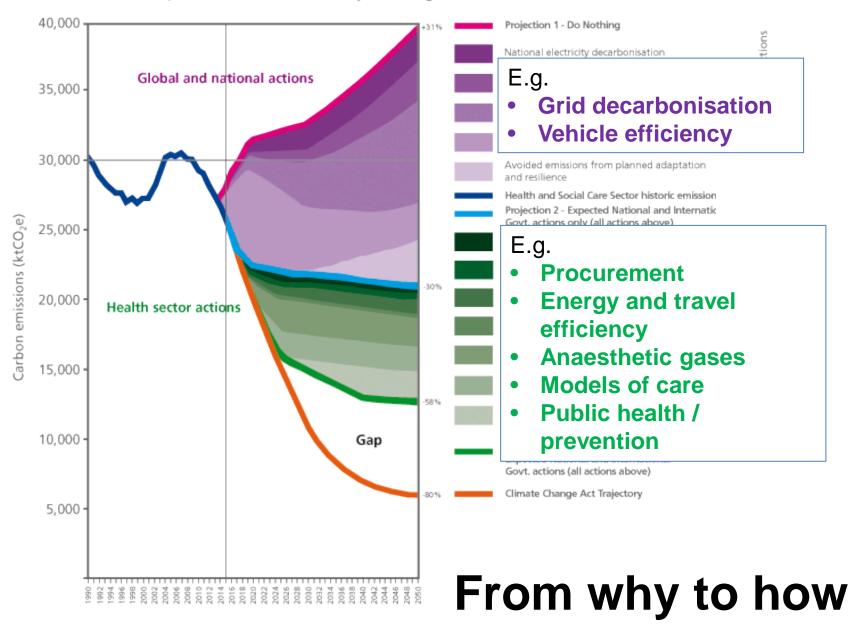
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#### **Financial Case**

## From energy measures alone

- £1.85bn saving since2007
- £190m annual saving in 2015
- £370m savings pa by 2020
- Money kept in local health economies



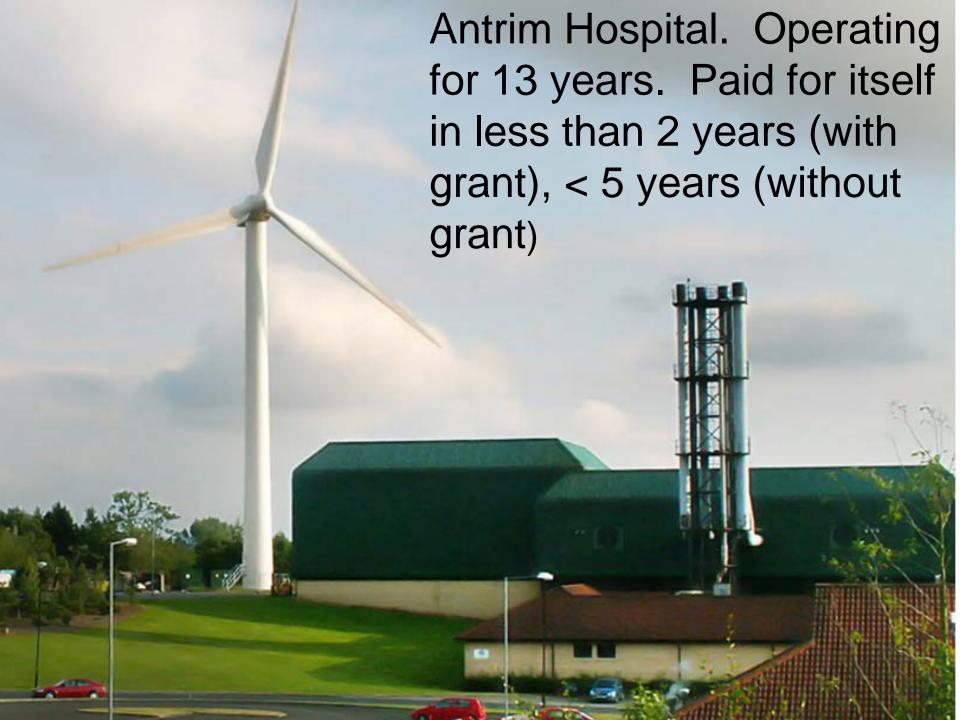








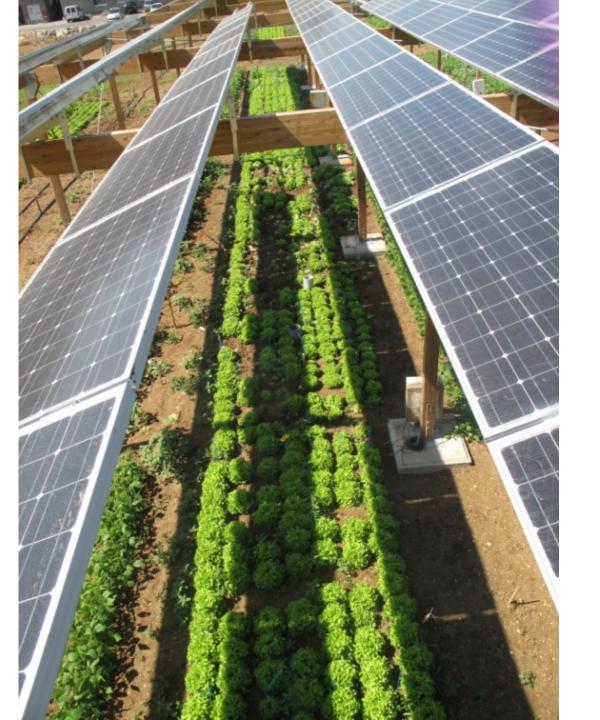




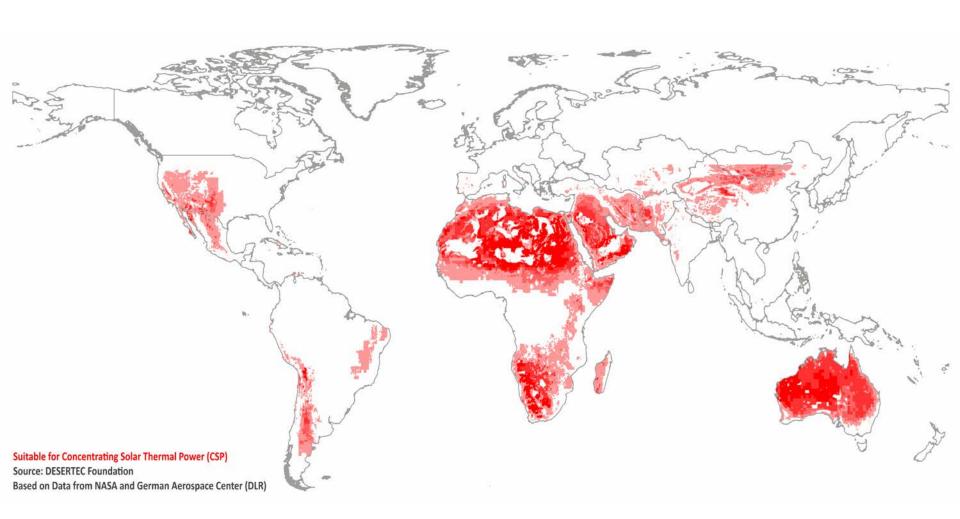




Within 6 hours, the deserts of the world receive more energy than the world's human population uses in a year.



**Photovoltaic** (PV) Cells or Reflecting Mirrors for Concentrated Solar Power (CSP), provide important shade for crop growing in hot countries.





## Engagement, awareness, advocacy

- 1. Simple clear messages, repeated often, by a variety of trusted voices.
- 2. The less you say, the more you are heard.
- 3. Say the things are most relevant to people
- 4. Understand (by listening and researching) which messages have most value to others.

Ed Maibach, PHE Conference 2017

## Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012

"...all public bodies in England and Wales are <u>required</u> to consider how the services they commission and procure might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area."

## Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Essentials



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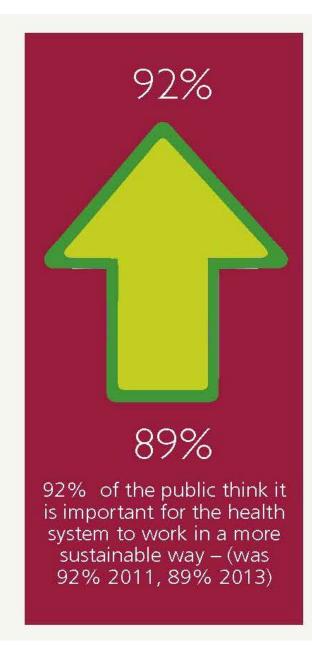
Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009

"It's easier to act your way into a new way of thinking, than to think your way into a new way of acting."

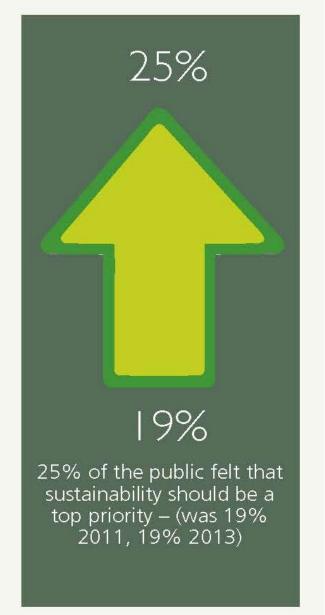
Jerry Sternin *The Power of Positive Deviance* 

Emotions drive people. People drive change.

## Public opinion survey











### Dr. Margaret Chan, DG of WHO:

"...climate change is the defining issue for the 21st century... The evidence is there, and it is compelling. Here is my strong view: climate change, and all of its dire consequences for health, should be at centrestage, right now, whenever talk turns to the future of human civilizations. After all, that's what's at stake." "NICE is committed to exploring methods for building sustainability into NICE guidance and to promoting sustainable growth in the life sciences industries. We warmly welcome this guidance. It represents an important extension of the scope and methods of carbon accounting. It's also a very practical support to industry efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of the drugs and medical devices that are so important to NHS patients."

CEO of the UK National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

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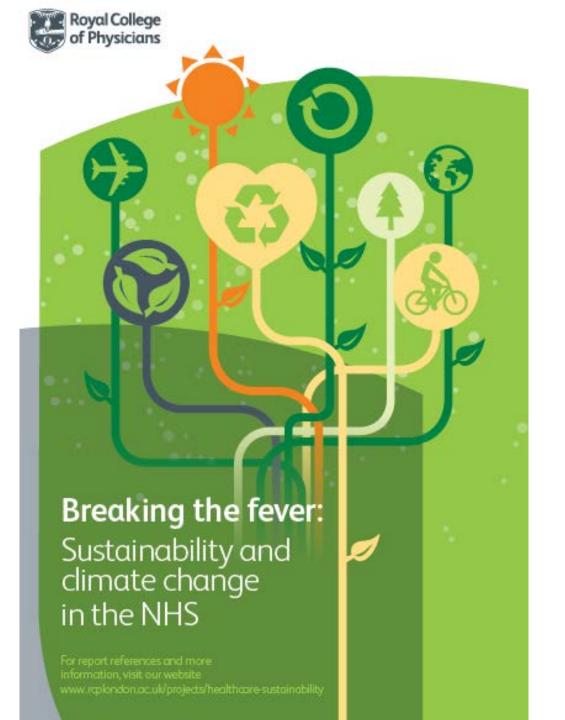


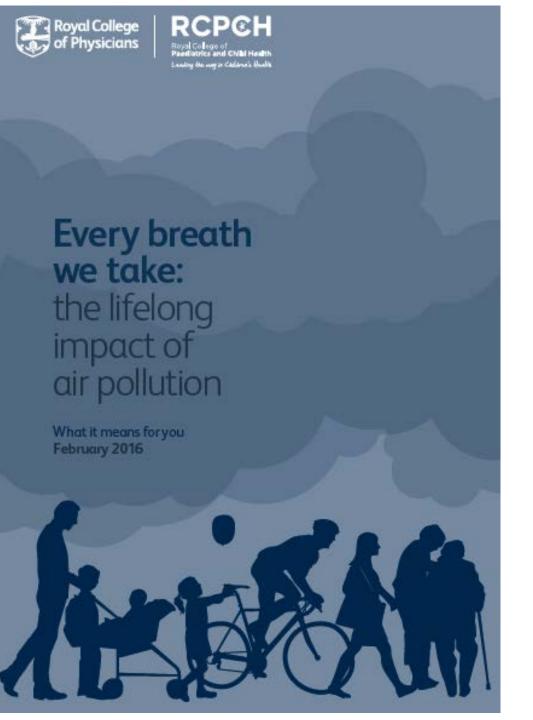




Strategic priorities for UK Department of Health Chief Medical Officer.

- 1. Antimicrobial resistance
- 2. Pandemic influenza
- 3. Demographic changes
- 4. Bioterrorism
- 5. Climate Change





"Each year in the UK, around 40,000 deaths are attributable to exposure to outdoor air pollution, with more linked also to exposure to indoor pollutants.

Air pollution plays a role in many of the major health challenges of our day, and has been linked to cancer, asthma, stroke and heart disease, diabetes, obesity, and changes linked to dementia."



40,000 early deaths across the UK per annum attributable to air pollution. (60,000 if NOx from e.g. diesel engines included)

Average 8 month loss of life for <u>every</u> person Especially lung disease and stroke



## **Embed this in "Quality"**

#### Box 2. The seven domains of quality. 15

**Patient experience:** The patient should be the definitive focus of healthcare delivery. 'Quality healthcare' may not be the same for every patient.

**Effectiveness:** Healthcare should be underpinned by the deployment of beneficial interventions at the right time and to the right patients.

**Efficiency:** Healthcare must make best use of limited resources. Avoidance of waste should apply to material and abstract (eg time, ideas) resources.

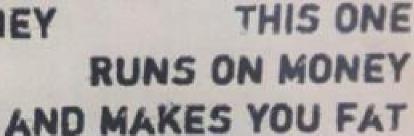
**Timeliness:** Timeliness is key to avoiding waits and potentially harmful delays in the delivery of healthcare, incorporating the deployment of health interventions to anticipate and prevent illness.

**Safety:** While risk in healthcare cannot be reduced to zero it must be actively managed with the minimisation of harm a definite objective.

**Equity:** Healthcare must strive for a level playing field, in which patients determine their own high-quality care, and in which the needs of the many and the few are balanced.

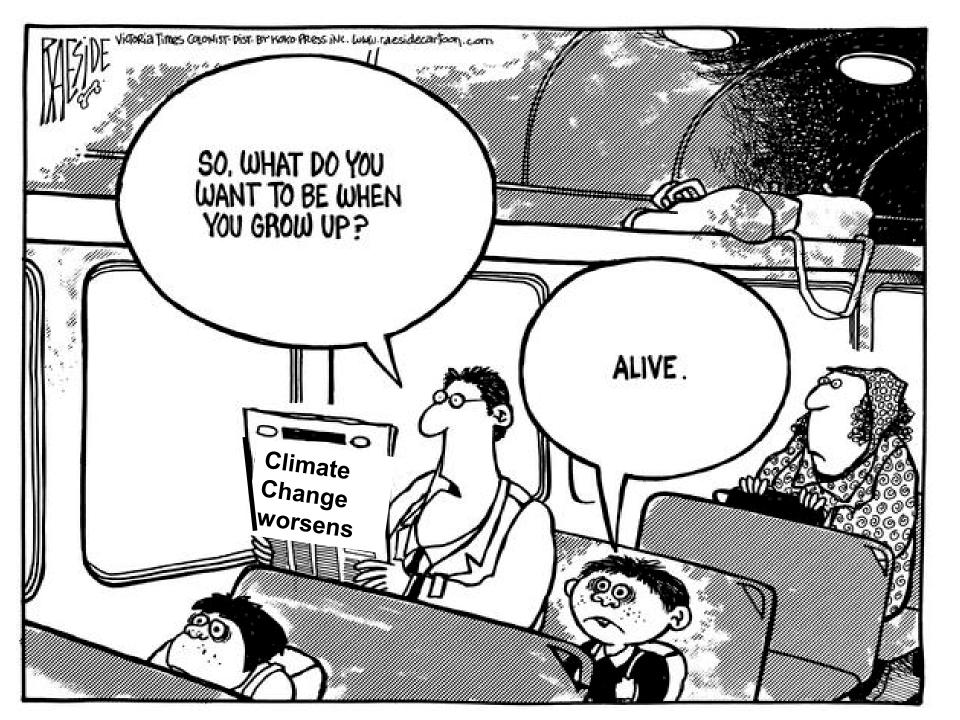
**Sustainability:** Sustainability should be viewed as a characteristic of healthcare which must run through and moderate other domains. Healthcare should be considered not only in terms of what can be delivered to an individual today, but also to the population in general and the patients of the future.

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AND SAVES YOU MONEY



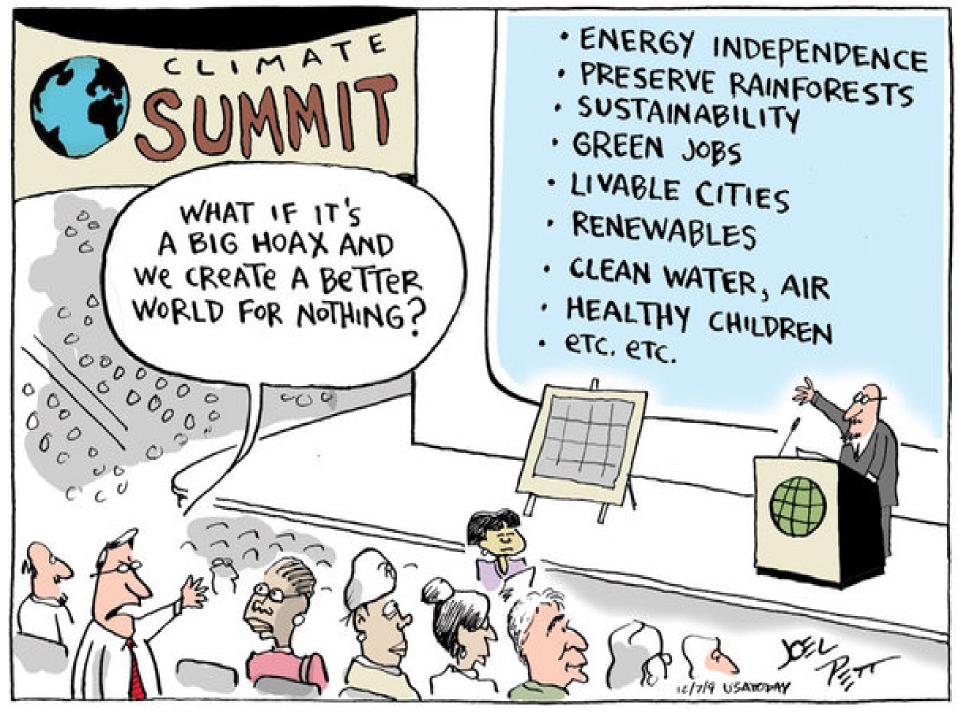








"Yes, the planet got destroyed. But for a beautiful moment in time we created a lot of value for shareholders."



# 200 years of health professionals taking action

- 1. Slavery
  Abolition
  Bill, 1833
- 2. Cholera: Broad Street Pump, 1854
- Smoking and tobacco,
   1962
- 4. Nuclear proliferation







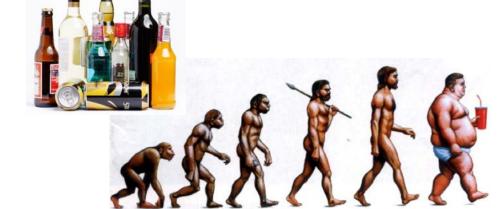


5. Alcohol



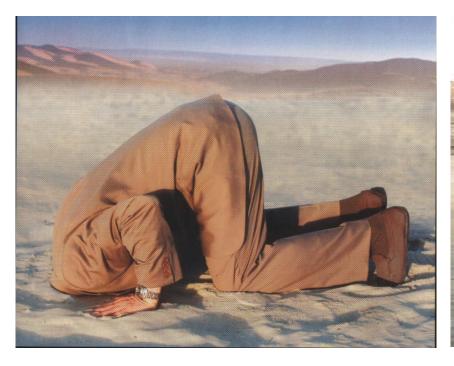
7. HIV/AIDS

8. Sustainable development, climate change











Head in the sand...or....line in the sand?

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