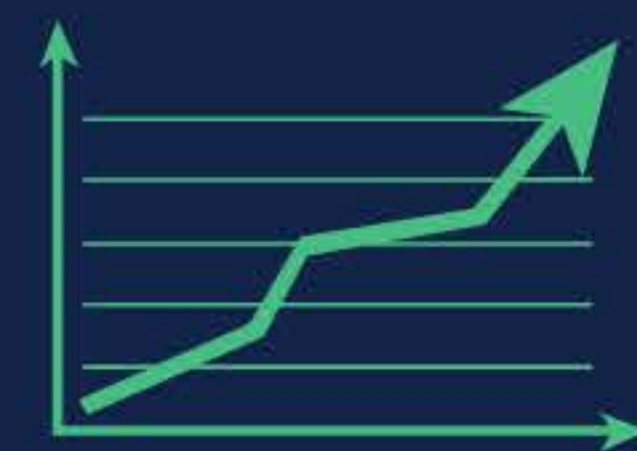


CLIMATE CHANGE: A PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGE

The World Health Organization has described climate change as the greatest threat to human health of the 21st century



Climate change is a global public health threat which will increasingly affect all aspects of our everyday lives



Scotland has declared a climate emergency 

People with the fewest resources are the least likely to have contributed to climate change and **are the most likely to be affected** by it

Many factors determine the extent to which people are affected by climate change



income



housing
tenure



geographical
location



connections to
protective or
supportive services



affordability of
damage insurance

Public health research can support action on climate change by identifying how different population groups will be impacted by change and by supporting a transition to low-carbon living

Action to tackle climate change aligns well with many public health priorities - improving air quality and creating sustainable and resilient neighbourhoods, food systems and transport options

Action on climate change can be shaped by policies and actions at a local, national and international level

Public health advocacy has an important role in ensuring climate change commitments are matched by appropriate actions

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