

Health Impacts of Climate Change in Wales: Examining the evidence base and identifying future priorities

Outline Agenda – 6 June 2024

Online via Teams, arranged / hosted by Public Health Network Cymru

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| 9:30 | Welcome & housekeeping | PHNC |
| 9:35 | Opening address, Public Health Wales | Huw George, Deputy Chief Executive, Public Health Wales |
| 9:40 | Opening address, Welsh Government | Keith Reid, Deputy Chief Medical Officer Public Health., Welsh Government |
| 9:45 | Presentation: Climate change risk/opportunities at Wales and UK level | Alan Netherwood, Climate Change Committee |
| 10:05 | Presentation: Climate change in Wales: Health Impact Assessment – assessing the need for health impact assessments | Liz Green, PHW |
| 10:25 | Presentation: Climate change health impacts in Wales | Laura Andrews / Mark Humphrys, SEA |
| 10:45 | Summary by PHW | Rebecca Masters, PHW |
| 10:50 | Comfort break | |
| 11:00 | Introduction to group work on evidence gap analysis Each group to consider the questions posed and reflect on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are these the right questions to address existing gaps that will have specific impact in Wales? - Is anything missing? - is any research already happening / in the pipeline that relates to the questions? | Rebecca Masters to introduce (facilitation of each group by PHNC) |
| 11.05 | Group 1: Protection, Promotion and Education Around Climate Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What role does public health play in the context of climate change mitigation and adaptation, and where does it have the most significant impact? 2. What is the connection between climate change, extreme weather events (heat and wet conditions), individuals' health behaviours, and their access to outdoor play, physical activity, and sports? 3. What health repercussions are experienced by communities residing in areas with environmental risks? 4. What forms of messages and communication techniques are the most efficacious for conveying environmental risk to communities confronting such risks? 5. How might climate change influence the prevalence of infectious diseases in Wales, and what measures might be necessary to address emerging threats? | Group 2: Responding and Facilitating Action on Climate Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What strategies prove most effective in motivating and engaging communities to actively participate in climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts? 2. How does social capital and community action contribute to the effectiveness of responses to climate change adaptation and mitigation? 3. What proven strategies exist for mitigating the immediate, medium-term, and long-term consequences of flooding and other extreme weather events on the mental health and well-being of affected populations? 4. What public health measures are necessary to offer support to communities confronted with displacement or adaptation due to imminent flooding threats? Which interventions are essential to prepare homes for future challenges and to adapt them in ways that ensure health and well-being? |
| 11:45 | Feedback from Groups | Facilitators from each Group |
| 12:00 | Closing remarks session | Lisa Wise, Welsh Government |
| 12:15 | Session ends | |

