

How Climate Change is affect health in Yorkshire

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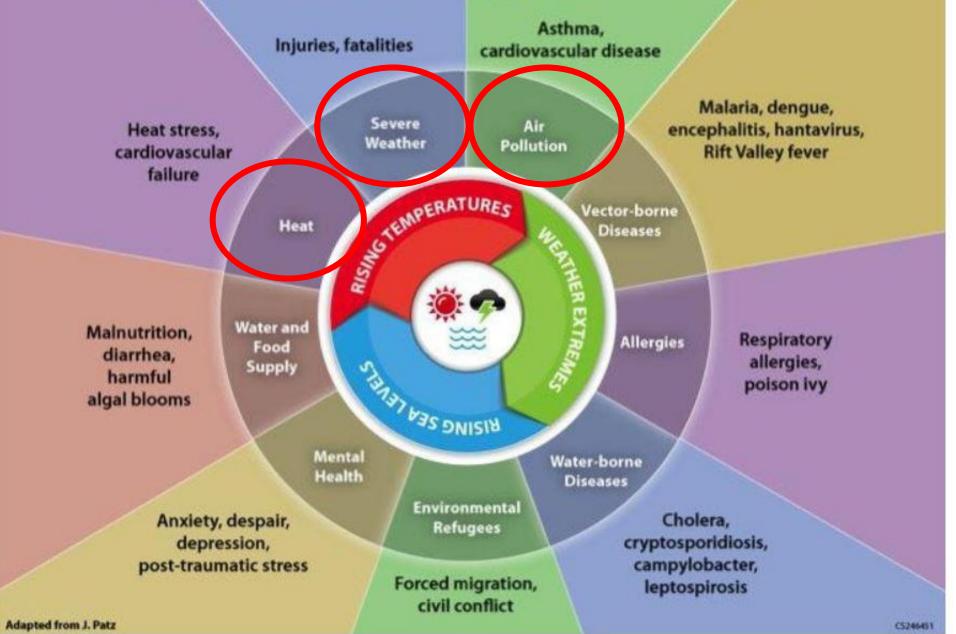
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Carbon Literacy training
Carbon footprinting of practices



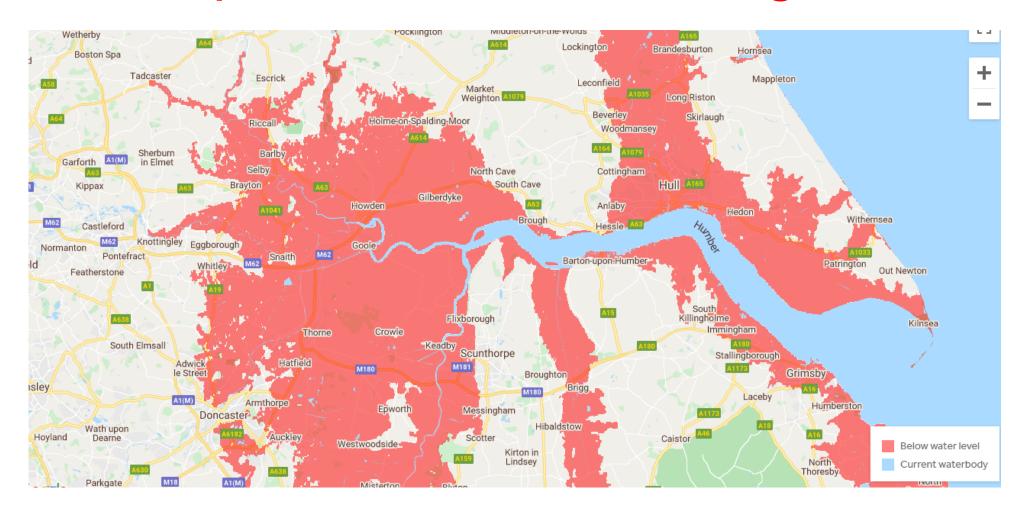


#### **Impact of Climate Change on Human Health**





### Local impacts of climate change





#### **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**







#### Mental health impacts of flooding





Depth of the floodwater, if flood water reached a depth of over 100cm in the home, the people who were flooded were: 15x Times more likely to have depression 11x Times more likely to have anxiety

18x
Times more
likely to have
PTSD



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#### **The Carbon Literacy Project**

Carbon Literacy: "An awareness of the carbon dioxide costs and impacts of everyday activities, and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis."

Today, over <u>21,000</u> individuals and more than <u>1700</u> organisations have undertaken Carbon Literacy, have you?

The Carbon Literacy Project <u>carbonliteracy.com</u>
SEE Sustainability <u>seesustainability.co.uk</u>
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#### Thank you

Any Questions?



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