BIOPICCC, the East Riding of Yorkshire and Public Health

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Background

• Large mainly rural area
• Ageing population
• Coastal erosion and history of flooding
• Academic v Service delivery
• Small public health team
Step Change

• Need broad leadership
• Staff engagement
• Inclusive partnership
• Milestones and realistic targets
• Understand the scale of the sustainable requirements of the organisation
• Communication messages depending on the audience
• Continuous development and review
BIOPICCC Impact

• Provided robust background evidence grounded in the local area
• Helped people from a range of backgrounds to think about the issues
• One of a range of influences in highlighting the importance of tackling climate change locally
Health & Wellbeing in a Changing Climate
A briefing for the East Riding Health and Wellbeing Board (November 2015)

ERVIC Context
- 336,000 population
- 930 square mile area
- Number of people aged 65 and over will increase 29% by 2021
- 50% live in rural areas
- 11 Lower Super Output Areas in top 10% most deprived in England

28 severe weather events between 2000 – 2010 and on course for an increase in the present decade

Past Impacts
- Damage to buildings
- Infrastructure issues
- Damage to health
- Threats to food security
- Infrastructure damage
- Changes in outlook

2007 floods
- 1,500 residential properties flooded
- 1,000 tonnes of contaminated household waste
- x 100 higher levels of mosquito larvae in stagnant water

Future Climate
- Warmer wetter winters
- Hotter dryer summers
- Increased incidences of extreme weather

Does your JSNA identify key climate change impacts and consequences for health?

Does your HWB Strategy improve the resilience of communities to future changes?

Your Climate, the Climate Change Partnership for Yorkshire & Humberside together with ERVC can support you to take action
Key Messages

• Things are changing
• It takes time
• BIOPICCC plays a part
• Patience and perseverance are crucial, especially in times of austerity