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**Andy Haines** was Director of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine for nearly 10 years until October 2010 and continues to work at LSHTM as Professor of Public Health and Primary Care. He has a part time appointment as Chief of Climate Change at the Health Protection Agency. He was previously Professor of Primary Health Care and Director of the Department of Primary Care and Population Sciences at UCL and formerly Director of Research & Development at the National Health Service (NHS) Executive, North Thames. He has also worked internationally including in Nepal, Jamaica and the USA. He was knighted for services to medicine in 2005.

His research interests are in epidemiology and health services research. He has published widely on various aspects of climate change and health and on primary care research. He was a member of the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change for the second and third Assessment Reports in 1996 and 2001 and is review editor for the health chapter in the report of WG 2 in the fifth assessment exercise. He also chaired the Task Force on Climate Change Mitigation and Public Health which was supported by a consortium of funding bodies led by the Wellcome Trust to provide estimates of the public health impacts of climate change mitigation strategies in the electricity generation, household energy, transport and food/agriculture sectors.