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Analyzing Environmental health hazards in London: A serious Urban health Issue

Abstract

Urban health issues have attracted interest of many global organizations and national organizations. Rising urbanization and more and more people relocating towards urban areas have raised a concern of overall urban health. In present study, we will be discussing of one of the rising urban health issue in London area, i.e., Environmental health hazards. The paper discusses the issues deeply and analyzes the different aspects of environmental health hazards in London. The paper concludes with the recommendations and challenges and strategies to deal with this ever increasing urban health issue, i.e., Environmental health hazards.

Introduction

Urban health issues arise and rising day by day as we are progressing towards more developed cities and country. City of London is one of the most advanced cities in whole Europe and whole world. People from all walks of life have migrated to London for jobs and getting better amenities as compared to their regional locations. There is arising urban health issue in London. It is Environmental health hazards. Many reports have been published in newspapers and articles highlighting the increasing environmental health hazards in London. An environmental health hazard is an important urban health issue, as it puts the lives of people living in London to a great danger. With increasing population and increasing urbanization, in London, environment is at great danger. One of the leading newspaper, the guardian has reported the increasing pollution levels in London. Pollution from vehicles, factories, etc., have resulted in an alarming rate of pollution of air in London. The report highlighted the danger of increasing pollution levels in the city and its increasing threat to the lives of people living in London area. With increasing urbanization the activities resulting in environmental health hazards have increased to a very high level. As environmental health hazards pose direct threat to the environmental health and health of people living in London. It is very much an important urban health issue. World health organization, has marked a special day as World health day to boost the activities in order to develop the conditions of urban areas along with improving the health status of people and environment in urban areas.

The guardian in its report in 2010, reported that Britain faces several court cases and wide variety of fines due to crossing dangerous particles levels in its cities which are way beyond the European standards.

This dangerous particles pose great health risks to the lives of people living in London. Many studies have reported that pollution has resulted in development of wide variety of diseases such as respiratory disorders.

Elderly people living in urban areas of London are under direct threat to their health due to increasing pollution. The guardian reported that city of London had been found out to be most polluted cities in the whole of Europe. In accordance to European union reports London is not allowed to have more than 36th days of bad days. Since London crosses this deadline its under fines and several court cases to deal with this ever increasing urban health issue.

The other concern regarding urbanization in London is increasing urban activities which create greater threat of earthquakes in London. More the urban activities such as construction more will be the danger of getting hit by earthquakes. Untimely earthquakes pose direct threat to the lives of people living in London. Other urban health issue is water pollution apart from air pollution.

Air pollution and water pollution pose direct threat to the lives of people living in London. There will be increase in health burden on the healthcare societies functioning in London. Along with this there will be increasing disease burden as a result of pollution.

Health risks and disease burden will increase at an alarming rate in the city of London and it would be difficult for authorities to deal with this alarming situation.

Increasing pollution levels not only pose direct threat to the health of people living in London and adjoining areas, but also to other lives such as plants and animals and ocean life. Rising urban activities have made London a dangerous place to live as the activities which result in direct threat to environment do also affect the ecosystem and other lives in the city of London.

Oil transport accidents such as oil discharge into water, pose direct threat to water lives. It not only makes the lives of water animals at danger but also makes the water unfit for use by the humans.

Increasing use of pesticides and other infectants is also one of the environmental health hazards the London is currently facing. Increases in levels of such contaminants have been reported to result in development of health hazards to the people of London living in the city.

Whatever effects the environment dangerously does effect the people living in that environment. It is because of these reasons that policies shall be made in order to minimize the hazards affecting the environment and people's health.

Strategies have to be made in order to deal with the situation effectively or else the environmental health of London would be difficult to tackle later on. There will be increase in disease burden and times would be no far, when London would be considered unfit to support any form of life in future course of time.

Green technologies and use of public transports supported by green technologies are one of the healthy sources which can help in dealing with the increasing burden of environmental health hazard.

Prevention strategies have to be put in place if environmental health hazard in the city of London is taken under control.

Human lives cannot remain healthy until unless the environmental in which they live is healthy to live. Therefore its high time that focus shall be considered in this area and something is done in order to prevent the precious environment or else life would perish in the very same environment of London.

All these justifications give complete understanding that Environmental health hazard is serious urban health issue in the city of London.