



## **APAGBI Climate commitment statement**

Within medicine, and in particular anaesthesia, it can often feel that change and shifts in professional practice take considerable time to come about. However, there is one area where we cannot afford to delay change – the climate emergency which faces us.

As a society, we stand in solidarity with the *international paediatric societies' declaration on responding to the impact of climate change on children*<sup>1</sup>. We believe that it is our responsibility to advocate for children's health and wellbeing; this mandates ensuring the world in which they develop is as conducive to that as possible. Climate change threatens children's development in many different ways – from natural disasters and extreme weather affecting habitat and agriculture, to competition for usable land and conflict for it, to exploitation of natural resources leading to reduced air quality and increase in childhood disease.

We commit to continued efforts to improve the sustainability of paediatric anaesthesia across the United Kingdom and Ireland. To this end, we advocate for and work towards local and national policy which uses evidence to reduce the carbon footprint within our practice. We will offer support in a structured manner to advance changes in practice which bring this about, and we will welcome opportunities from our professional community to assist where we can.