

Our Ref: 271

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## **Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Please could I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- The number of hospital admissions over the last five years (including 2024, where possible) where air pollution has contributed to the admission. For example, asthma or COPD induced or worsened by air pollution exposure.
- The number of deaths recorded over the last five years (including 2024, where possible) where air pollution is related to the cause of death. For example, when a patient has died as a result of acute or chronic respiratory failure, a severe asthma attack or COPD which was worsened by air pollution exposure.

We do not hold this information, we would only record the reason for admission (which might be Asthma or COPD) but wouldn't know condition has worsened due to air pollution. Air pollution is not coded on our data system.