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Subject: Hospital admissions related to air pollution exposure

- Q1 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.
- A1 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. We are able to provide admissions coded with a diagnosis of asthma, COPD etc. but we would not know if it was due to air pollution, this is not recorded.
- Q2 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.
- A2 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. We are able to provide causes of death coded with a diagnosis of asthma, COPD etc. but we would not know if it was due to air pollution, this is not recorded.