

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/675**

**Pollution Mitigation**

**Information Requested:**

I am writing with regards to air pollution caused by stationary ambulances waiting outside hospitals due to delays in offloading and triaging patients.

Specifically, I would like to ask the following:

- Have any measures been put in place to mitigate any issues with pollution due to stationary ambulances and other vehicles outside of hospitals within the Health Board?
- If so, what mitigations have been put in place – with a list of locations/hospitals mitigations are in place?
- If measures have been put in place, how much have these cost to implement?

**Response Details:**

As part of ongoing work to understand the impact of vehicles on our acute sites on air quality, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) is currently undertaking a project to measure outdoor nitrogen dioxide levels across University Hospital Wales and University Hospital Llandough.

The UHB anticipates that the results of this monitoring will be available in the first quarter of 2024/25 and will be used to help communicate the impact of vehicles on air quality at our sites. This will in turn help to identify specific locations where the UHB may wish to undertake more detailed assessments of air quality and any mitigations which could be put in place to improve it.

The UHB has also established a 'Sustainable Travel Plan'. The objective of this initiative is to encourage users out of single-occupancy vehicles and into more sustainable forms of transport. It is hoped that this will improve access to sites and patient experience, and reduce congestion and carbon dioxide emissions, among other things.

For more information on sustainable travel options, please see the following weblinks: [Liftshare](#) and [Healthy Travel Wales](#).