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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Date information is due to be sent **31/08/18**

Information requested:

How much did Public Health Wales care spend on air pollution mitigations in 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18? And what projects was this funding allocated to?

Information provided for the answer:

Public Health Wales is part of the NHS in Wales and provides independent specialist advice and support to other public bodies and the public. The organisation's Environmental Public Health Team works in an evidence-based manner to minimise exposures to, and resulting ill-health from, environmental hazards, and support the creation of healthy, fair and sustainable environments and communities. While air quality is a priority for the Team, it does not have a function that directly delivers services, or actions, to mitigate air pollution. Rather, air quality-related work takes the form of risk assessment and communication, evidence reviews and research, communication, advocacy and policy development. For example, over the last year, Public Health Wales supported Welsh Government to produce air quality management guidance for the NHS in Wales and issued an evidence review (to support others' actions) of intervention effectiveness to reduce air pollution from road transport sources.

In Wales, local authorities have the responsibility for assessment and managing local air quality. In areas where Air Quality Objectives are exceeded, local authorities are required to declare Air Quality Management Areas where targeted action plans are developed and implemented in order to achieve compliance, as a minimum. Public Health Wales supports local authorities in this task through the provision of specialist advice and support.

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