

Air pollution: outdoor air quality and health

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Organisation name – stakeholder or respondent (if you are responding as an individual rather than a registered stakeholder please leave blank):	[Royal Pharmaceutical Society]
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Name of commentator person completing form:	[Yogeeta Bhupal-Professional Support Pharmacist]

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Insert each comment in a new row. Do not paste other tables into this table because your comments could get lost – type directly into this table.			
	General		The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is the professional body for pharmacists and pharmacy in Great Britain. As professionals in pharmaceutical care, pharmacists are well equipped to offer advice on health and wellbeing. With an increasing number of pharmacists working in general practice and managing long term conditions such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), pharmacists are often directly involved in providing health and lifestyle advice for better management.
1	Statement 1		We support this statement in general. However NICE may need to consider the advice on how to minimise exposure and manage related symptoms. It may be useful to have support guidance for healthcare professionals with practical tips on how to support patients that are vulnerable. UK Air provide a daily air quality index with associated health advice (https://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/air-pollution/daqj). Currently the advice given may not always be feasible such as ‘Close external doors and windows facing a busy street at times when traffic is heavy or congested to help stop highly polluted air getting in’. This may prove difficult for families who live on busy main roads, particularly in the summer months. Additionally, further advice may be needed on ‘Use an asthma reliever inhaler more often, as necessary’, as this may not be appropriate use of an asthma reliever. Asthma UK have a range of tips for asthmatics to manage their asthma on high pollution days. Further information can be found here:- https://www.asthma.org.uk/advice/triggers/pollution/#TopTips , this includes advice such as ‘taking your preventer medicine every day you’ll cope better with all your triggers, including pollution’.
2	Statement 2		No Comments
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4	Statement 4		No Comments

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- Include section number of the text each comment is about eg. introduction; quality statement 1; quality statement 2 (measure).
- If commenting on a specific quality statement, please indicate the particular sub-section (for example, statement, measure or audience descriptor).
- Combine all comments from your organisation into 1 response. We cannot accept more than 1 response from each organisation.
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- Underline and highlight any confidential information or other material that you do not wish to be made public.
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- Spell out any abbreviations you use
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