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Thank you for your request to Aneurin Bevan University Health Board for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 15th December 2023.

Your request

You requested the following:

1. 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?
2. If so, what mitigations have been put in place – with a list of locations/hospitals mitigations are in place?
3. If measures have been put in place, how much have these cost to implement?

Our Response

1. Yes, mitigations are in place.

In partnership with Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) local air monitoring has been conducted and the results of the air monitoring identified that at the time of monitoring Workplace Exposure Limits (WEL) were not exceeded, thus providing assurances that the implemented controls are suitable and sufficient. Controls include:

- 8 Industrial fans have been purchased and placed within the Ambulance Bay to enable air circulation.
- Electrically powered Air Conditioning units have been purchased to support the cooling of waiting ambulances in summer months which reduces the need of the engine to be running, thus reducing Diesel, Engine, Exhaust Emissions.
- Additional Shorelines (charging supply for ambulances) have been installed at the front of the Ambulance Bay forecourt to enable ambulances to be electrically powered.
- WAST staff have been provided with welfare facilities away from the ambulance bay forecourt.
- Ongoing engagement with WAST colleagues to support implementation of correct behaviours, e.g. ensuring ambulance windows and doors are closed, staff utilise provide welfare facilities and not congregate on ambulance forecourt, encouraging use of ambulance bays that are not situated under canopy (where reasonable), use of industrials fans etc.

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh and we will respond in Welsh without delay.
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board is the operational name of Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board.

2. The costs for the purchase of fans was £2664.00, inclusive of VAT.