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Our ref: **RFI-2016-0948**

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Dear S13 (1)

**Request for information: RFI-2016-0948**

Your request for information about air pollution and schools has now been considered. The information held by the Council relevant to your request is set out below:

1. How many air pollution monitors are actively recording and measuring air pollution levels in Newark and Sherwood District Council?

*The Environmental Health Unit currently monitors air pollution levels at 14 locations across the District. At 13 locations we carry out a monthly survey using passive diffusion tubes and at one location we run continuous monitoring equipment.*

2. What pollutants do these monitors measure? (if different for each monitor please provide breakdown)

*The diffusion tube survey monitors Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) levels and the continuous monitoring equipment measures Particulate Matter under 10 µm (PM<sub>10</sub>) levels.*

3. How many of these air pollution monitors are within 10 metres of a primary or secondary school? If possible please provide co-ordinates of schools.

*None of these monitoring locations are within 10 metres of primary or secondary schools.*

4. Are primary and secondary schools considered as priority locations when you are choosing where to put air pollution monitors?

*Yes we would consider schools as priority locations when choosing where to monitor. Fortunately the areas we currently consider as worst case in terms of pollution levels in our District happen to be located a good distance away from schools. In the past we have monitored using diffusion tubes for a good period of time in a school carpark.*

5. How many children do you estimate attend primary and secondary schools in Newark and Sherwood District Council?

*As a District Council we do not have responsibility for the provision of education therefore the information you requested is not held by Newark & Sherwood District Council.*

*However it is possible that Nottinghamshire County Council may hold some or all of the information you require. They can be contacted via their website at the link given below.*

<http://www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/atoz/f/freedom-of-information/>

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by the Director of Safety or the Deputy Chief Executive who have not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

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Yours sincerely

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