

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Our Ref: MGLA161221-9999

4 January 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 15 December 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for;

"Sadiq Khan said:

'There is also evidence linking air pollution with an increased vulnerability to the most severe impacts of COVID-19. This new data shows that the action I'm taking is already making a difference and saving lives. These figures prove without a doubt that the Low Emission Zone and Ultra Low Emission Zone are accelerating the shift to cleaner vehicles.'

in a post "New tighter Low Emission Zone standards for HGVs introduced in London" dated 1st March 2021.

I cannot find the "new data shows that the action I'm taking is already making a difference and saving lives. ". Please can you send me the "new data" which shows the Mayor is "saving lives".

Our response to your request is as follows:

On 1 March 2021 the GLA published a report¹ evaluating the impact of the Ultra Low Emission Zone and the preparedness of the large and heavy vehicle fleet in London for the new Low Emission Zone standards, which were introduced on the same date. This report includes the new data showing that the Mayors policies are making a difference to air pollution in London.

¹ <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/central-london-ultra-low-emission-zone-2020-report>.

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In terms of how improvements in air quality save lives, we have published a range of data² on this subject over time. At the time of the article you refer to the most recent relevant publication was a report from Imperial College London examining the impact of the Mayor's air quality policies on health, published in January 2021.

██████████y further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the
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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Officer
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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>