

The [*Doctors Against Diesel*](#) campaign that was launched in December 2016 and has already received widespread media coverage with ongoing interest from the health community, local government and media. The campaign is led by health professionals and is calling for the use of diesel fuels to be banned in urban areas and progressively phased out elsewhere. On February 22nd the CLAHRC's Professor Jonathan Grigg led a workshop of nurses, doctors and allied health professionals to formulate health messaging and decide next steps in the campaign to reduce diesel use.



Child Health Theme Lead Professor Jonathan Grigg is a prominent member of the campaign group and co-author of the Royal Colleges Report [*Every Breath We Take*](#). Professor Grigg is a practising paediatrician with expertise in respiratory health, seeing first hand how pollution damages young and developing lungs. He also leads our [*School Asthma project*](#) which aims to improve management of the condition among children and young people.

Diesel engines are the single biggest source of nitrogen dioxide, which accounts for the vast majority of breaches of legal air pollution limits in the UK. Exposure to pollution can impact children and young people's current and future health as strong evidence suggest it impairs lung growth in children.