

The fight for people's right to clean air

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A government priority?



"We have taken action, but there is more to do and we will do it."

Theresa May PM, 2 November 2016



The Government "should not have been in a position where ClientEarth had to take us to court."

Michael Gove SoSEFRA, 18 April 2018

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Boris Johnson backs Times Clean Air for All campaign law change

Kate Devlin, Chief Political Correspondent | Ben Webster, Environment Editor

Saturday October 12 2019, 12.01am, The Times

Boris Johnson

Conservative Party

UK politics

Air Pollution



The prime minister pledged that ministers would work to “improve the quality of the air we all breathe”
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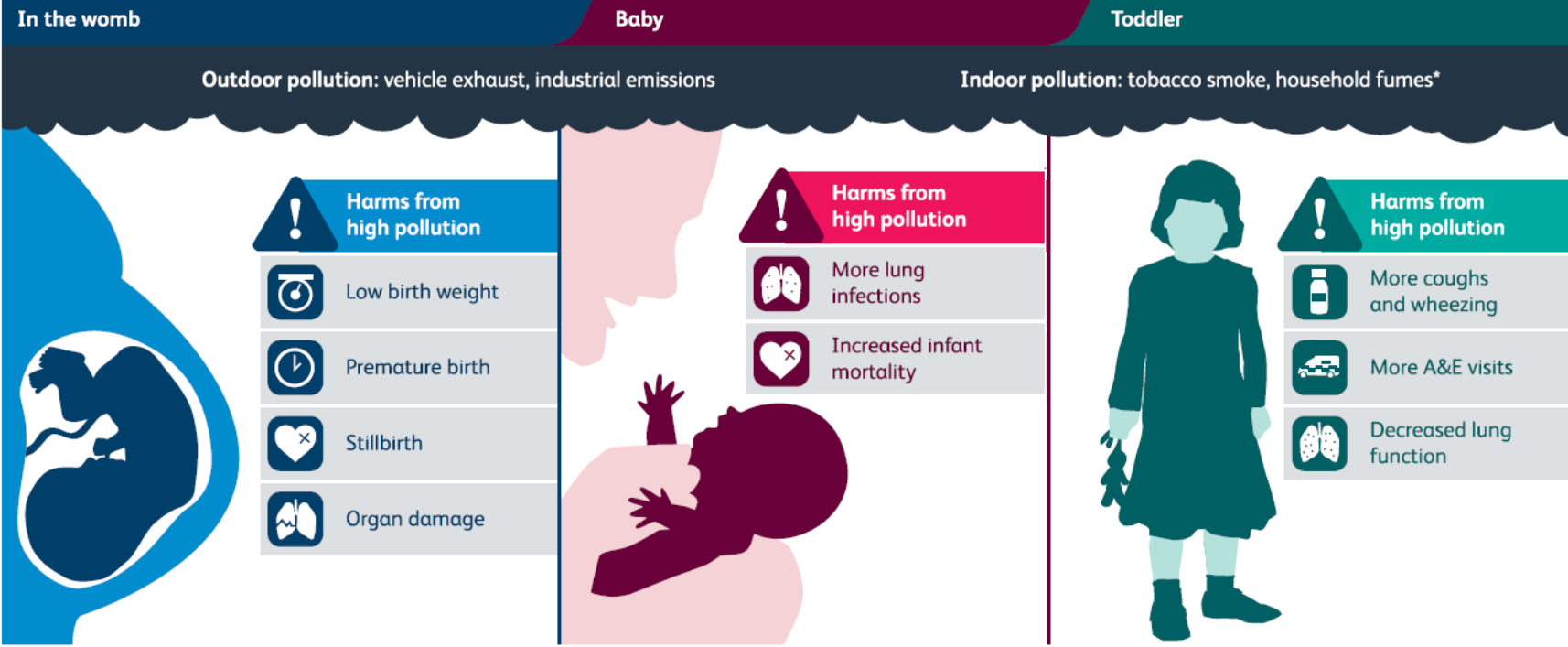
Driving action

- 61 English LAs directed to carry out feasibility studies
- Commitments by Welsh and Scottish governments
- Improvements to London LEZ & ULEZ
- CAZs to be launched in Bath & Birmingham in 2021
- Over £800m funding for English LAs
- National fiscal measures

But still a way to go

- Government has passed the buck to local authorities
- CAZs continue to be delayed, weakened or rowed back on
- 26 English LAs still yet to submit final plans
- No plan from Highways England
- Slow & weak progress by Welsh and Scottish governments
- Lack of help and support for people and businesses

The lifelong impacts of air pollution







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The Guardian

Infants exposed to air pollution have less lung power as adolescents – study

Researchers find that even exposure to levels below EU limits has an impact

MailOnline

Even 'low exposure' to air pollution raises your risk of early death, major study reveals

[a](#) AirQualityNews

Poor most exposed to air pollution caused by rich, study finds

The study, which updates a 2003 analysis of environmental justice in the UK, found that while young children, young adults, and households in ...

19 Jun 2019

THE TIMES

CLEAN AIR FOR ALL

Pollution particles damage children's heart tissue

Toxic metal particles from traffic and industry are weakening people's hearts and the damage begins in early...

Friday July 03 2020, 12.01am, The Times

Ben Webster, Environment Editor



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HEALTH

Air pollution linked to mental health issues, research suggests

[The Guardian](#)

Covid-19 impact on ethnic minorities linked to housing and air pollution

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Urgent and long-term action

- Phasing out the most polluting vehicles from towns and cities needs to be a priority
- Fewer vehicles on the road and those that remain to be the cleanest possible
- A comprehensive long-term strategy & stronger laws to make the UK a world leader in clean air





Thank you

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