

# #AskAboutAsthma 2023

**Campaign evaluation** 

#### What is #AskAboutAsthma?

- Seventh year of London's awareness raising campaign and third year involving colleagues from across the country
- #AskAboutAsthma highlights the simple changes to children and young people's care that will make a big difference to how they experience their asthma.
- #AskAboutAsthma coincides with start of the new school year in England and directly precedes the annual spike in hospital admission rates for asthma (week 38).





#### **2023 campaign theme:**

We are shining a light on the wider factors of children and young people's asthma care including housing, mould and vaping.

Widening our view also helps us to raise the profile of asthma; reaching out to everyone who has asthma, their friends, families and the whole system that cares for them. For #AskAboutAsthma 2023, we are widening our view of young people's asthma

#AskAboutAsthma 11-17 September 2023

#### The virtual week:

| <b>Monday</b><br>Children, young people and<br>families  | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Primary care and community<br>care   | Wednesday<br>Nursing  | <b>Thursday</b><br>Whole systems  | <b>Friday</b><br>Air pollution  |
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| Virtual event: Learn Live<br>broadcast to schools  | Virtual events: Primary care<br>webinar and Pharmacy webinar   | Virtual event: Nursing webinar  | Virtual event: <u>One-day</u><br>conference   | Virtual event:  |
| Blog: Addressing stigma<br>through co-production   | Blog: <u>Using asthma inhalers</u><br>without an asthma diagnosis  | Blog: <u>A case study - the value</u><br>of child and family centred<br>integrated care   | <ul> <li>Blogs:</li> <li>Calling all healthcare<br/>professionals: Spark Action<br/>on Air Pollution</li> <li>Development of a moderate<br/>asthma pathway for London</li> <li>Housing and Health working<br/>together to support children<br/>with asthma in Wallsall</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Blogs:</li> <li>How we tackle poor quality housing and it's impact on our patients</li> <li>How can health professionals help in tackling air pollution</li> </ul>                                       |
| Podcast: Vaping and young people   | Podcast: <u>Helping healthcare</u><br>professionals to identify and<br>address challenges with<br>medication adherence   | Podcast: Where we are with<br>SABA over-reliance  | Podcast: Partner working in<br>Hounslow to improve children<br>and young people's asthma care   | Podcast: <u>How can healthcare</u><br>professionals help in tackling air<br>pollution   |
| <ul> <li>Videos:</li> <li>A young person's thoughts<br/>and experiences of asthma<br/>care</li> <li>The risks of vaping oin<br/>children and young people's<br/>health</li> <li>Addressing stigma through<br/>co-production</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Videos:</li> <li><u>How Anti-Inflammatory</u><br/><u>Reliever Therapy works</u></li> <li><u>Dangers of using bought</u><br/><u>nebulisers at home - advice</u><br/><u>for healthcare professionals</u></li> <li><u>Diagnosing childhood asthma</u></li> <li><u>Top tips for making every</u><br/><u>contact count for children and</u><br/><u>young people with asthma</u></li> <li><u>The use of oximetry for</u><br/><u>people with black or brown</u><br/><u>skin tones</u></li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Videos:</li> <li><u>The safe use of salbutamol: a</u><br/><u>nursing perspective</u></li> <li><u>How group consultations can</u><br/><u>support transition from</u><br/><u>children's to adult's asthma</u><br/><u>services</u></li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Videos:</li> <li>Dangers of using bought<br/>nebulisers at home</li> <li>Top tips on reducing health<br/>inequalities in asthma</li> <li>The dangers of an asthma<br/>attack: one young person's<br/>experience</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Videos:</li> <li><u>Thoughts from Mums for Lungs campaigners and parents of children with asthma</u></li> <li><u>Air pollution, asthma and findings from teh Black Child Clean Air report</u></li> </ul> |

## **Campaign engagement**

- Over **3.5 million people** were reached via social media in 2023.
- The impressions from our social media posts increased by **12,000** compared to 2022.
- Uses of the hashtag #AskAboutAsthma on X/Twitter increased by 26% in 2023.
- The two posts from the Mayor of London had **200,800 views**. This more than doubled our organic engagement for this year.
- 2023 saw a continuation of the increase in asthma-related pageviews which we saw in 2022. However, the number of unique pageviews reduced. 58.1% of viewers were from London.
- To increase engagement for 16-24 year olds, we developed paidfor social media adverts for the first time, which were shared on TikTok, Facebook and Instagram. Paid advertising delivered
   670,000 impressions from our target audience. When compared to our organic performance, this is nearly five times as much, however, the click-through rates are lower.



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### Media

BLACK

In 2023, we had **12** known media mentions nationally. The quote from Dr Oliver Anglin was picked up by the Evening Standard and The Sun. This compares to **15** in 2022.

#### BACK TO CRUEL My son's asthma is so bad I have to homeschool him – I'm terrified the journey to class could kill him

#### How a Walsall social landlord is fast-tracking damp repairs for children with asthma

Steep rise in children in deprived areas hospitalised with asthma when schools return



Dr Oliver Anglin, NHS England – London Clinical Director for babies, children and young people's transformation programme, said: "Asthma is one of the most common reasons for children to end up in hospital and sadly remains a cause of death which could be prevented. It is also a condition where outcomes are impacted by wider factors with those from more deprived backgrounds, more than two times more likely to end up in hospital than their less deprived peers."



PARENTS AND CARERS ENCOURAGED TO ASK ABOUT ASTHMA

Standard heart



This week is #AskAboutAsthma week! Did you know Posted on September 11, 2023

# Communications resources

June 2023

### Toolkits

- There were **1,280 downloads** of all the communications toolkits
- The general comms toolkit was the most downloaded (303), followed by the tailored version for primary care (273)



We also recognise that health inequalities mean that not everyone gets the same standard of care

By widening our view, we can help to raise the profile of asthma by reaching out to everyone who

has asthma, their friends, families and the whole system that cares for them

#AskAboutAsthma 2023 campaign

#AskAboutAsthma returns for its seventh year. led by the NHS England – London Babies. Childre

communications toolkit

#### **Daily emails**

- Sending daily emails provided 2,833 clicks to #AskAboutAsthma content – 1,829 more compared to 2022 (466% increase).
- The top click content type was videos (accounting for 15% of clicks).



#### **Schools mailing**

 A paid-for schools mail out was sent in June. This had a 16% open rate, 3% click through rate with the majority of clicks from SLT roles.

### **#AskAboutAsthma 2023 virtual events summary**

For the five virtual events organised by the NHS England London team, **943** different individuals from **761** different organisations registered to attend a webinar of the one-day conference. **45%** of these were from London. Overall, an additional **724 contacts** engaged in the week by signing up to the virtual events who had not been engaged in previous years. Further details about Learn Live can be found on the following slide.

| Monday – Learn Live   | Tuesday (am) – Primary care  | Tuesday (pm) - Pharmacy  |  |
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| Watched live: 5399 (180 schools)<br>Watched on demand: 5144<br>Top three viewing locations:<br>London, Reading and Manchester | Attendees: 186<br>Rating: 97% rated the event good or<br>excellent | Attendees: 66<br>Rating: 100% rated the event good<br>or excellent |  |
| Wednesday - Nursing   | Thursday – one day conference                                      | Friday – Air pollution   |  |
| Attendees: 123<br>Rating: 100% rated the event good<br>or excellent   | Attendees: 408<br>Rating: 99% rated the event good or<br>excellent | Attendees: 93<br>Rating: 100% rated the event good<br>or excellent |  |

#### **Daily content**

#### **Blogs**

Total blogs: 9

Total reads: 461

#### Most popular blog:

#### Using asthma inhalers without a diagnosis

(113 reads)

Reads were 55% higher than to 2022's most popular blog



#### Videos

Total videos: 17

Total views: 1,238

Most popular video:

Dangers of using bought nebulisers at home

(214 views)

Views were 2% lower than to 2022's most popular video



#### **Podcasts**

Total videos: 5

Total listens: 485

Most popular podcast:

#### Vaping and young people – why so popular and what are the risks?

#### (168 listens)

Listens were 66% higher than to 2022's most popular podcast



### Learn Live broadcast to schools



For 2023, the programme team for the first time commissioned Learn Live to develop a "live" broadcast focused on children and young people's asthma. This was broadcast Monday 11th September at 11am. The broadcast included a presentation from Oliver Anglin on children and young people's asthma, an activity with specialist asthma nurse, Tori Hadaway, and a Q&A session with asthma paediatricians Jonny Coppel and Patricia Lutalo.



### Refresh and update of CYP asthma for primary care

The primary care webinar was held on Tuesday 12 September between 1:00-2:00pm. The webinar involved two presentations followed by a Q&A. The presentations were focused on updates for primary care and a 48-hour review pilot at Whipps Cross Hospital.



### Innovations in pharmacy for CYP asthma

The pharmacy webinar was held Tuesday 12 September between 7:30-8:30pm. The webinar involved three presentations followed by a Q&A. The presentations were focused PCN pharmacy support, South East London's pharmacy incentive scheme and the effectiveness of the Discharge Medicines Service (DMS).



### How nurses are transforming CYP asthma

The nursing webinar was held Wednesday 13 September between 1:00-2:00pm. The webinar involved three presentations followed by a Q&A. The presentations were focused on group consultations in schools, the North East London asthma practitioner pilot and maintenance and reliever therapy (MART).



#### New and old inhaled toxins and children with asthma

The air pollution webinar was a new webinar for 2023. It was held on Friday 15 September at 1:00 – 2.00pm. The webinar involved three presentations followed by a Q&A. The presentations were focused on air pollution and the impact on children and improving air quality in schools and healthcare settings.

| 93<br>people attended the webinar  | <b>36</b><br>views of the recording after the<br>webinar  | Low birth weight  |  |  |
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| Impact from birth, information<br>on trees and learning about<br>Global Action Plan were the most<br>useful topics for attendees | Attendees next steps would<br>involve linking better with <b>schools</b><br>and their <b>ICS</b> and considering air<br>pollution in <b>reviews</b> . | Acute respiratory exacerbations<br>Acute and chronic<br>Premature death<br>Dementia |  |  |
| <b>42%</b><br>who completed the evaluation had not<br>been to an #AAA event before   | <b>100%</b><br>rated the overall event good or<br>excellent   | Image: Solution webinar recording   |  |  |

### **One-day virtual conference**

This year's virtual conference was held on 14 September and included sessions on health inequalities, patient voice, vaping as well as presentations from the national NHSE team and a clinical update.



### **One-day virtual conference feedback**

"This was such an informative conference. Thank you for the great and engaging content. It was great to hear the views from young people directly." *Nurse, Imperial NHS FT* 

"Many thanks for a really engaging event." Paediatrician, Chelsea and Westminster NHS FT "The conference went well above my expectation. So much new information and ideas to enrichen my practice."

"Great conference, very

informative with a wide

selection of speakers with

great knowledge."

Asthma Charity Coordinator

"Just thank you for an amazingly informative day." "This was a great conference, so educational. I have been left with a real passion and drive to put what I learnt into practise and educate those around me."

"The conference/webinar was packed with lots of useful information and time keeping was valued." School Nurse, Hackney

"Excellent to have real examples and young persons participating to give their perspective." "Excellent range of topics and speakers. Particularly enjoyed the updates around the bundle of care." Paediatric Respiratory Nurse, Manchester

> "I love hearing from young people / parents. This really helps to hit messages home and alter practice based on lived experiences."

Commissioner

"Keep it up!!!"

"This was excellent with knowledgeable speakers. The patient testimonies were brilliant and thought provoking." *Consultant Paediatrician, Midlands* 

"Having the personal experience of young people with asthma, was so insightful and also brought a personal impact on to the day. It allowed you understand exactly what their experiences can be and opened your eyes to how many challenges they face that we may not think about." *Paediatric Asthma Clinical Nurse Specialist, South East* 

### **Conference mentimeter**

What is your main takeaway from today's event? (126 responses)



### **#AAA ambassadors**

- **35 #AskAboutAsthma Ambassadors** from around the country were involved with the campaign in 2023 compared to 22 in 2022.
- Ambassadors play a key role in disseminating campaign materials for patients and professionals, drumming up involvement locally including participation in #AAA events and inspiring each other (and us) with their innovative ideas and approaches.



### **Organisations promoting #AAA online in 2023**

435 organisations were involved in 2023, this is up 13% from 2022





Please note this slide excludes the 180 schools engaged with in Learn Live. Outside of London, the places where the most schools who watched the broadcast were located are Reading and Manchester.

### **Online engagement (London)**

- **5/5 London ICBs** were involved in the 2023 campaign. The next slides show highlights from local activity.
- **16/32 (50%) local authorities** in London engaged in the campaign in 2023. 67% of all local authorities involved in the campaign were in London. This is an increase from 10 in 2022.
- **11/18 Acute Trusts (61%)** in London engaged in the campaign in 2023, the same as in 2022. 33% of all NHS Trusts involved in the campaign were from London.
- **85%** of schools engaged in the campaign were London schools.



### **Examples of London region engagement**



### **Examples of national engagement**

#### **North West**



Tameside & Glossop Children's Community nurses made pledges & visual tools about asthma to improve education, support, and advice to empower the children & families in their locality.

#### **Midlands**



Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin asthma nurses developed a series of videos to raise awareness. This included a video on reliever inhalers and spacers.

#### **South West**



Dr Seb Gray launched a free webinar during the week on the 'Sept spike', the asthma bundle, impact of poverty and health inequalities.

#### **North East and Yorkshire**



Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB also launched a social media campaign to encourage people to download the Digital Health Passport App. This was featured on local radio. Cando FM.

#### **East of England**

NHS



Ashford and St Peters **Clinical Education** team ran a MDT Paediatric SIM session on the importance of inhaler technique

#### **South East**



Frimley Health NHS FT had information stands at Wexham Park Hospital and Frimley Park Hospital encouraging people to #AskAboutAsthma

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## Learning for 2024

- Explore using fewer targeted communications toolkits as these are less downloaded and a lot of work to develop
- Paid for social media to 16-24 year olds didn't provide the return we hoped for. This was a good
  opportunity to try and reach this group but alternative methods will be identified for next year for example
  through FE colleges and sixth form routes as part of transition to adult care and improved selfmanagement
- LearnLive proved to be successful in engaging with primary schools; to consider whether a similar approach could be used for secondary schools
- School mail out to be delivered earlier
- To ensure the social media analytics are purchased in advance to ensure comparability across years
- Build on the #AAA ambassadors / champions
- For the virtual webinars feedback has included increasing the length of webinars, organising face to face events, having more audience interaction i.e. polls and to use fewer abbreviations to increase inclusivity.

### Summary

- Key recommendations following the 2022 campaign were incorporated in the 2023 campaign including increasing children and young people's voices, having a targeted social media campaign on relevant platforms to reach young people, moving to a 5-day campaign week reflecting limited engagement over the weekend period in previous campaigns, and an increased volume of video content.
- 943 different individuals from 761 different organisations registered to attend a virtual live event. 45% of these were from London. Overall, an additional 724 contacts engaged in the week by signing up to the virtual events who had not been engaged in previous years.
- **435** different organisations were involved in 2023; this is up **13%** from 2022.
- In London, all 5 ICBs, 50% of local authorities and 61% of acute trusts were involved in the 2023 campaign, representing a significant improvement on 2022.
- Increased engagement with partners, such as the GLA, London Councils, Association of DPHs, may have supported the improvement observed.
- Over **3.5 million people** were reached via social media in 2023 and the impressions from our social media posts increased by **12,000** compared to 2022. Uses of the hashtag #AskAboutAsthma on X/Twitter increased by **26%** in 2023.
- Sending daily emails provided 2,833 clicks to #AskAboutAsthma content 1,829 more compared to 2022 (466% increase).
- Excellent feedback was received from participants at the live events, and informally to the programme team.
- BUT there is always more to do, and we look forward to an even better campaign in 2024!



#### **Thank You**

