# New system for preventing environmental hazards developed in Sandwell

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**The environmental public health tracking system aims to spot day-to-day dangers that affect people's lives so action can be taken to improve the health and wellbeing of local communities.**

The system has been developed by Sandwell Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Sandwell Council, with support from the Universities of Birmingham and Cardiff and the Environment Agency.

It aims to track the things that affect people's everyday lives – such as air quality exposures to dangerous chemicals, traffic accident risks, food safety, and nuisance complaints – and the effects these have on health.

Sandwell PCT has been invited to present the methods and results to both the European Public Health Association and the World Health Organisation as this is the first system of its kind.

Details of how it works were presented to Sandwell Health's Other Economic Summit (SHOES) three-day conference at the pUBLIC in West Bromwich from June 23-25, which looked at how local issues can affect world health and how global issues affect people in Sandwell.

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