

Asthma harms education, study suggests

ASTHMATIC children are more likely to leave school at 16 with few qualifications, a study has found.

Those diagnosed before their 12th birthday were three-and-a-half times more likely than children without asthma to leave school at 16 with only basic education.

Those who suffered childhood asthma were twice as likely to drop out of university before graduating. And as a consequence, are less likely to enter non-manual occupations.

The findings suggest the condition, which affects more than 1.1 million British children, damages their education and work prospects.

The study was based on children living in Sweden and recruited in 1996, aged between seven and eight. It was presented at the European Respiratory Society International Congress in Paris.

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