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Scientists say the first new asthma treatment in almost 20 years could be a "game-changer" in reducing the severity of the condition. 1,400 people die every year in the UK as a result of asthma. Sky's Adele Robinson reports. This is living with severe asthma. That is my inhaler. When it comes to medication, there is not much Gaye has not tried. I have been sick with at least one of them. I had to come off them. Some give me headaches. She is well rehearsed in side effects, almost 16 years with asthma, but taking part in a drug trial recently, she said her life had been transformed. It calmed it. I could do more. I did not feel as breathless on it. My whole life changed. I could walk further, do more in the house. Garden. She is one of just 61 to trial the drug, a small group,

and it is early days, but the new medication, called Fevipiprant, is already described as a possible game changer for many. 5.4 million people are currently being treated for asthma in the UK. 1,216 died from the condition in 2014. This new treatment is a pill taken twice a day that stops inflammatory cells in the blood moving to the airways. It also reduces inflammation and repairs damage to the airway lining. There is cautious optimism from charities who say that more research is needed, but medical experts believe the drug could cut the number of severe attacks by 50% and save lives. What this could be used for in the first instance is an add-on therapy to inhalers. It could also potentially be able to reduce the need for tablet steroids, which come at a price, with patients then getting osteoporosis, diabetes, hypertension, as at cost

of taking oral steroids. After 12 weeks on the drug, within days of stopping, Gaye was struggling once again. It could be up to three years before the medication is widely available. She says that when it is, she will be first in line. To the rear Olympic 's, and the bomb squad destroyed a backpack, but nobody was injured. British cyclist Chris Froome is in action at the Rio Olympics, at the start of Team GB's push for its biggest-ever overseas medal haul. Sky's sports correspondent, Paul Kelso, reports from Rio.