



By email

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Our ref: 02/02/lh/616

17 February 2017

Dear Miss Warren

Re: concentration of fluoride per litre of water

Thank you for your email dated 2 February 2017 in which you asked for the following information:

I refer to my Fol request in February 2014 (04/02/jb/532). Before I take this matter further, please let me know if any employees, consultants and/or committees of Public Health England have discussed the issue of reducing the concentration of fluoride from 1ppm to 0.7ppm in line with the practice followed in the Republic of Ireland and the USA in order to protect children's teeth from the ravages of dental fluorosis

Your request for information has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

The following correspondence has been found in relation to your request and copies are attached:

- A letter from yourself to Duncan Selbie dated 16 February 2014 and his response dated 27 March 2014. For completeness we have also included your letter dated 25 February 2014. Please note I have redacted your address and signature from the disclosure.
- The research commissioned by PHE has now been published and I attach a copy of the publication.

Regarding the general issue of dental fluorosis we have identified the following documents:

- Briefings for Bedford Borough Council from December 2014 and February 2015 which contain sections on dental fluorosis.
- A briefing for Hull City Council from November 2015 which contains a section on dental fluorosis
- A briefing for Wakefield Council from December 2015 which contains some comments on dental fluorosis.

Public Health England's 2014 Health Monitoring Report contains a section on dental fluorosis and can be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/water-fluoridation-health-monitoring-report-for-england-2014>

Public Health England's 2016 water fluoridation toolkit also contains a section on dental fluorosis and can be found at:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/improving-oral-health-community-water-fluoridation-toolkit>

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely
Freedom of Information Officer