



Department of Health & Social Care

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Ms Tanya Walsh

By email to: request-1133761-161c4c46@whatdotheyknow.com

20 June 2024

Dear Ms Walsh,

Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1514358

Thank you for your request dated 23 May to the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), a copy of which can be found in the accompanying annex.

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

DHSC holds information relevant to your request.

However, it is being withheld under section 40(2) of the FOIA, which provides for the protection of personal information. Section 40 prohibits a public body from disclosing personally identifiable information, as doing so would contravene data protection principles.

However, we have additional information which we are providing to you on a discretionary basis. This is outside the scope of the FOIA and not subject to internal review.

The public consultation and associated Impact Assessment were developed across the following teams in dentistry, including DHSC:

- Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID) analytical teams;
- OHID Regional office for the North East & Yorkshire; and
- communication teams.

The DHSC team can be contacted at waterfluoridationconsultation@dhsc.gov.uk.

If you are not satisfied with the handling of this request, you have the right to appeal by asking for an internal review. This should be sent to freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk or to the address at the top of this letter and be submitted within two months of the date of this letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have already appealed our original response and received our internal review decision. You should raise your concerns with the ICO within three months of your last meaningful contact with us.

Guidance on contacting the ICO can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us> and information about making a complaint can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

From: Tanya Walsh request-1133761-161c4c46@whatdotheyknow.com

Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 2:29 PM

To: FreedomofInformation freedomofinformation@dhsc.gov.uk

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Authors of public consultation on water fluoridation NE

Dear Department of Health and Social Care,

Please could you inform us of the authors of the Public Consultation Document and associated Impact Assessment regarding the community water fluoridation expansion in the north east of England.

Yours faithfully,

Tanya Walsh