



By email

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Our ref: 12/07/lh/278

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Dear Miss Warren

Re: water fluoridation cost

Thank you for your email dated 12 July 2017. Your request for information has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

You asked:

During 2013 or thereafter (or possibly before), when Cumbria County Council became financially responsible for the revenue costs of the water fluoridation programme in West Cumbria, United Utilities made arrangements for their deficient fluoridation equipment at Cornhow and Ennerdale Water Treatment Works (WTW) to be replaced.

The cost of the new equipment was the subject of a FoI request with Cumbria County Council which denied that they had paid for the replacement fluoridation equipment.

As agents for the Secretary of State for Health, Public Health England will probably have had a role in paying the suppliers of the equipment..

Would you please let me know the capital cost before VAT of the two replacement installations at Cornhow Water Treatment Works and Ennerdale Water Treatment Works.

I would also like to know the cost of the fluoridating acid (hexafluorosilicic acid) which was purchased by these two Water Treatment Works for the financial year 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

At transition in 2013 NHS North West SHA advised Public Health England that it had allocated £1,313,378 (ex VAT) to United Utilities for the complete replacement of fluoride installations at both sites.

In financial year 2013 - 2014 the cost of the fluoridating acid purchased by United Utilities for use at these water treatment works was £11,490.78 (ex VAT) ; in financial year 2014 – 2015 it was £29,087.38 (ex VAT).

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