



# Department of Health & Social Care

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Dear Mr Watson,

## **Freedom of Information Request Reference FOI-1436817**

Thank you for your request dated 5 February 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.

The 2022 Water Fluoridation Health Monitoring Report was signed off by Professor John Newton who is the Senior Reporting Officer for the Report.

Professor Newton works in the DHSC as the Director of the Population Health Analysis Unit in the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities.

The remaining information 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.

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If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may complain directly to the 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**

I have been told that there were 16 members of the Working Group who were charged with formulating the 2022 Water Fluoridation Health Monitoring Report on behalf of OHID. (Ref: FOI-1435070)

Can you please tell me the scientific qualifications and length of professional work experience of the member/s of the Working Group who wrote the sections on hip fracture. Please also tell me the scientific qualifications and length of professional work experience of the person who signed off on the Executive Summary and the Short Lay Summary.