



# Public Health England

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## By email

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Dear

## Re: fluoridation

Thank you for your email dated 19 September 2014 in which you requested information in relation to fluoridation.

Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) and in accordance with Regulation 12(4)(a), I confirm that PHE holds the information you have requested.

### *You asked:*

Please supply details of any offers made to local authorities in relation to the issue of proposals to add fluoride to tap water in the last 12 months. In particular, please confirm that Public Health England has offered to fund the cost of running another public referendum. Please confirm details and to which local authorities that the offer has been made.

### *Response:*

Since April 2013 responsibility for developing proposals regarding water fluoridation and undertaking public consultations in relation to those proposals rests with upper tier and unitary local authorities.

Public Health England offers advice and support to local authorities in the exercising of their functions for public health.

In the past 12 months Public Health England has made no offers to local authorities regarding meeting the costs of any exercise to ascertain public opinion in relation to water fluoridation.

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer them to me in the first instance. Under Regulation 11 of the EIR you have the right to make representations to PHE in respect of this response. Requests for internal reviews should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original request and should be addressed to the above address, alternatively contact us by email at: [Internalreview@phe.gov.uk](mailto:Internalreview@phe.gov.uk)

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner's Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner's Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer