

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_502_23

You asked:

Welsh water say they will not adjust fluoride concentrations in the domestic water supply to the recommended amount until they receive a request to do so from the local health authority and so far they have received no such request. Since the UK government (in2022) passed the legislation enabling financial assistance for the fluoridation of the water supply in England and Wales I am surprised that - as far as I can see - no action seems to have been taken thus far. So perhaps you could let me know if there is any reason why at a time when we are being told of the necessity and benefits of good dental health - this relatively cheap measure has not yet been implemented.

Our response:

We can confirm that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board does not hold this information.

In Wales, the relevant health body is defined as the Welsh Government. At present, fluoride is not added to drinking water in Wales as there is no legal requirement to do so. Any decision to introduce schemes of fluoridation is a matter for Welsh Ministers.

This decision would be for Welsh Ministers to make, and would follow the due process of any policy developed in Wales, which would include a wide public consultation on the matter.

Therefore, if further information is required please contact Welsh Government directly. Their contact details are provided below:

You can make a request by emailing Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales, phoning us on 0300 0604400 or in writing at the following address:

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