

Data sharing agreement

S90A of the Water Industry Act 1991 (the Act) requires the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to monitor the health effects of water fluoridation arrangements in England and to publish a report containing an analysis of those effects at no less than four-yearly intervals.

The Drinking Water Inspectorate has considered a request for data from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) and the Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC). The purpose of the data request is to enable UKHSA and DHSC to support the Secretary of State to fulfil their statutory responsibilities for ongoing monitoring and reporting. The data requested relates to the concentrations of fluoride in drinking water, and water supply zone boundaries, and in sharing the data, the Drinking Water Inspectorate requests adherence to the following requirements for data protection:

- The data and zone boundaries provided will only be used by UKHSA and DHSC to support the Secretary of State to fulfil their statutory responsibilities
- The data and zone boundaries provided will be held securely and only made available to persons involved in discharging UKHSA and DHSC's role to support the Secretary of State to fulfil their statutory responsibilities
- Data and derived data used for executing UKHSA and DHSC's role to support the Secretary of State to fulfil their statutory responsibilities will be retained securely for reference following publication of the report(s) resulting from these data, and in anticipation of new data for ongoing monitoring and reporting. UKHSA and DHSC will not use these data for other purposes, until re-establishment of a new DSA.
- No data will be passed to any third party.
- DWI will be acknowledged as the source of the information in any publications
- Any publications using the data or conclusions drawn from the data will be shared with DWI on a 'no surprises basis' prior to publication
- Zone boundaries will not be published without the prior consent of DWI



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[Signed on behalf of the Drinking Water Inspectorate]