

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20260319 – EIR – Response– No data Held

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Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

We refer to your request for Environmental information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 24 February regarding:

“How much water has been used to run data centres in your jurisdiction in each of the past five years (2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021)”

We wrote to you on the 9 March to clarify details of your request:

“What do you define as a Data Centre? Please could you confirm the volume of water used in this definition e.g. does it exclude data centres that don't use raw water for cooling or where such water use is below a de minimis?”

- Is there any specific information you can provide to identify the properties concerned, i.e. is there an industry identifier which would enable us to identify them*
- In relation to the raw water usage, please clarify what unit you require the information e.g. m3, Ml, or ML/day?*

- *Regarding the percentage of overall use, do you mean as % of non-household use, as a % of combined household and non-household use or % of overall water balance, e.g. including leakage?*
- *When they say subsidiary companies, please can you confirm which subsidiary company you are referring to?"*

You responded on the 10 March with the following clarification:

"I'd say, with all of these questions, if there's different data and measures which you hold (and which you differentiate between here), it may be simpler to include them broken down?"

- 1) How do you define a data centre? Ideally I'd be interested in ones which use water cooling*
- 2) I don't know - I was hoping you might have a way of identifying data centres*
- 3) On units, my understanding is that those are all convertible to each other? So it doesn't massively matter.*
- 4) % of combined household and non-household use - but again, if you have the figures for each easily available, that may be easier*
- 5) You don't have any subsidiaries, please disregard."*

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not hold any of the requested data. We have identified that we do not record which non-household (NHH) premises are data centres to identify these sites and their water use. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4) a public authority may refuse to disclose information to

the extent that (a) it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

To provide advice and assistance if there are any particular addresses that you are interested in within our supply region and you can provide these, we can look to provide information in relation to these. We would only be able to provide information on total volume used and could not confirm what percentage of this may or may not have been used for data centre cooling.

We trust that the provision of this data satisfies your request. In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if you are not satisfied with this reply to your request, you can ask for an internal review. A request for an internal review must be submitted within 40 working days by contacting the Data Protection Team.

Thank you for contacting Yorkshire Water.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection Team

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