

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250923- EIR - Out of Scope

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Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

We refer to your request for environmental information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 19 September 2025:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information please:

- 1. How many water butts, did the company purchase each financial year for the 5 year period 2020-21 to 2024-25 inclusive?*
- 2. For that 5 year period, what was the total outlay by the company in purchasing water butts?*
- 3. Which company or companies supplied the water butts? A simple list will suffice.*
- 4. How many, if any, modified water butts, with simple drain-down kit (known as "Leaky water butts"), did the company purchase each financial year from 2020-21 to 2024-25, inclusive?*
- 5. What was the total expenditure, if any, for purchasing the "leaky water butts" for those 5 years inclusive?*
- 6. Which company or companies supplied the "Leaky water butts"? A simple list will suffice.*

You have made your request for information citing the Freedom of Information Act 2000. As a private water utility company Yorkshire Water is not bound by the terms of this Act. We will instead respond to your request in compliance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, which do apply to Yorkshire Water.

We have reviewed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Following the definition of environmental information given within the regulations, your request for information does not fall within the scope of this legislation. We will consequently not be providing you with the information you have requested.

For your information, the definition of environmental information we have used, given as Regulation 2(1), is reproduced below:

- (a) The state of the elements of the environment, such as air and atmosphere, water, soil, land, landscape and natural sites including wetlands, coastal and marine areas, biological diversity and its components, including genetically modified organisms, and the interaction among these elements;
- (b) Factors, such as substances, energy, noise, radiation or waste, including radioactive waste, emissions, discharges and other releases into the environment, affecting or likely to affect the elements of the environment referred to in (a);
- (c) Measures (including administrative measures), such as policies, legislation, plans, programmes, environmental agreements, and activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors referred to in (a) and (b) as well as measures or activities designed to protect those elements;
- (d) Reports on the implementation of environmental legislation;
- (e) Cost-benefit and other economic analyses and assumptions used within the framework of the measures and activities referred to in (c); and
- (f) The state of human health and safety, including the contamination of the food chain, where relevant, conditions of human life, cultural sites and built structures inasmuch as they are or may be affected by the state of the elements of the environment referred to in (a) or, through those elements, by any of the matters referred to in (b) and (c).

In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if you are not satisfied with the 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.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review you have the right of appeal to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113

Web: <http://www.ico.org.uk>

Thank you for contacting Yorkshire Water.

Yours sincerely,

Data Protection Team

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