

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20260528 – EIR – Data Supplied

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Reference Number: EIR

Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 1 May 2026:

“I would like to request the following information under Environmental Information Regulations (EIR):

- 1. How many metres of pipe carrying drinking water is your water company responsible for?*
- 2. How many metres of these water pipes do you suspect or know to contain lead?*
- 3. How many lead tests did you carry out on customers’ drinking water in 2023, 2024 & 2025?*
- 4. In each year, how many of these tests found a lead level equal to or higher than the regulatory standard of 10 µg/L?”*

Included with this email are the response to your questions:

Question 1:

32,519.7km of YW owned, live, treated water mains

Approximately 14,460km of communication pipes, this is an estimate based on number of properties and estimated length, following a historic desktop study we previously completed, we do not have communication pipes mapped in our GIS system.

Question 2:

Approximately 6.8km of YW owned, live, treated water mains that are made of lead.

7,972km of communication pipes – this is an estimate based on an estimated number of lead communication pipes and an estimated length following a historic desktop study we previously completed. It excludes the supply pipe (customer owned length)

Question 3 and Question 4:

This data is in the public domain in our WSZ reports, in the stream data and often reported upon in DWI Chief Inspectors report.

The table below represents the samples collected and analysed as part of the compliance sampling programme. These samples are collected as “grab”, that is first flow from the tap without flushing.

Year	Samples collected	Fails of 10ug/l Pb Standard in Grab Samples
2023	712	2
2024	1000	4
2025	1000	6

Each instance of breach of the 10 ug/l Pb standard is subject to further investigation.

We can confirm that for each occasion contemporaneous or follow up samples (or both) confirmed that lead was below the 10 ug/l Pb standard after flushing. Hence, on none of these occasions was public health protection advice considered appropriate. However, the customers were advised of the outcome of sampling and provided with flushing advice.

In addition, on each occasion Yorkshire Water investigated the material of our communication pipe, where this was found to be constructed of lead this was replaced with a different material.

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,

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