

From: EIR Compliance

To:

Subject: 20250806 - EIR - Data Supplied

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Dear

We refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 17th July 2025:

"Your asbestos water pipes provide water for showers and baths as well as drinking. Therefore it is possible that people could be showering and bathing in asbestos contaminated water. When the water dries, remaining fibres could become airborne through the use of towels, hairbrushes etc. This then potentially becomes an inhalation risk. Does Yorkshire Water accept responsibility for this household contamination and any resulting health impacts?"

The data protection team have conversed with the business and have established we do not hold data in relation to responsibility for household contamination and resulting health impacts. As such for the purposes of paragraph 12(4)(a), 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.

We would like to assure you that Yorkshire Water takes the health of its customer extremely seriously. We comply with all relevant health guidance. The World Health Organisation (WHO) does not consider it to be a health risk to supply water via asbestos cement pipework: [Asbestos in drinking-water](#).

In England and Wales responsibility for regulating the water industry is the responsibility of Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI), which reports into the UK

Government Department of Environment and Rural Affairs. The DWI oversees compliance with the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 and supplements this with additional guidance – which is regularly updated.

If you are further interest in this subject, we can advise you that the DWI have carried out their own research into the potential impacts of asbestos in water:

[Asbestos Cement drinking water pipes and possible health risks - Drinking Water Inspectorate](#)

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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