

From: EIR Compliance

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Reference Number: **EIR**

Dear

I refer to your request for information submitted to Yorkshire Water dated 31 January 2026 which is set out below.

"Dear Yorkshire Water Information / EIR Team,

I'm writing to request information about potable (clean/drinking) water enforcement and prosecutions. If this request has been sent to the wrong mailbox or team, please forward it internally to the correct person/team that handles Environmental Information Regulations requests (and/or any FOI-style information requests you operate) and treat this email as a valid request from the date received.

For the avoidance of doubt this request is clean/potable drinking water only, including customer connections to the potable supply. It excludes wastewater, sewage, storm overflows, and environmental pollution prosecutions. I am only asking for legal cases taken to court (prosecutions) and their outcomes. I am not asking for warnings, cautions, compliance letters, notices, or informal enforcement.

Please split your response into these three periods:

- *1 January 1999 to 31 December 2009*
- *1 January 2010 to 31 December 2020*
- *1 January 2021 to 31 December 2025 (or to the most recent date you can report)*

Part A: Register of Yorkshire Water potable-water prosecutions (court cases only)

Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 prosecutions for each of the three periods above, please provide:

- *Total number of prosecutions brought by Yorkshire Water under the Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999, and*
 - *A case-by-case register/list of those prosecutions.*
- *failure to notify or obtain consent for notifiable works under Regulation 5 (and any related offence provisions relied upon)*
- *fittings or arrangements leading to contamination risk, waste, misuse, undue consumption, or other breaches linked to potable supply protection*

Part B: Other potable-water prosecutions (illegal connections / standpipes / hydrants / meter interference)

In addition to prosecutions under the Water Fittings Regulations, please provide a register/list (same three time periods) of any other prosecutions brought by Yorkshire Water relating to the potable supply network or customer connections, including but not limited to:

- *illegal connections to a main or service pipe*
- *illegal standpipes / hydrant misuse / unauthorised attachment of apparatus*
- *water theft / unauthorised taking of water*

- *meter tampering / bypass / interference causing incorrect or erroneous measurement*
- *any other court prosecutions Yorkshire Water has brought that relate to safeguarding the potable supply, public health protection, and customer-side connections.*
- *Where relevant, please include prosecutions brought under the Water Industry Act 1991 (for example, section 174(3) for unauthorised connections/attachments, section 175 for meter interference, and/or section 73 where used), and any other legislation Yorkshire Water relied upon for potable-water offences.*

Part C: Information fields needed for each prosecution

For every prosecution listed above, please provide the following fields (as a spreadsheet/CSV if possible):

- *Defendant type: individual / company / organisation*
 - *Defendant name:*
 - *for companies/organisations: name*
- *for individuals: name where lawfully disclosable; otherwise, an anonymised identifier is fine (e.g. "Individual 01"), but please still provide the other case details*
- *Location: town/locality (and site type if relevant, e.g. farm, factory, housing development)*
- *Court name and court area (e.g. Leeds Magistrates' Court, Bradford Magistrates' Court, etc.)*
 - *Hearing date(s) and (if held) date/range of offence*
- *Case reference number(s) (court reference and/or Yorkshire Water internal reference)*
- *Legislation relied on: exact regulation/section and any schedule paragraph(s)*
 - *Short case summary (one or two sentences)*
- *Outcome: guilty plea/conviction/acquittal/dismissed/withdrawn etc*

- *Penalty / disposal: fine, costs, compensation, victim surcharge (if recorded), and any order regarding equipment (confiscation/forfeiture) if applicable*

If you hold this information as a central prosecution register, please provide that register. If you do not hold it centrally, please explain how prosecutions are recorded internally and provide the information from the systems/teams that do hold it.

Part D: New homes connected to potable water supplies. For the same three periods (or, if earlier years are not held in a usable format, then at minimum 2015 to 31 January 2026), please provide the following:

- *The number of new domestic homes/properties connected to Yorkshire Water's potable water supply network (new connections), broken down by year if possible.*
- *If you don't hold an exact total, a best available estimate (circa) is fine, as long as you explain how it was calculated (for example, from developer connection records, billing account creation, or annual reporting datasets).*
- *Please clarify what you are counting (e.g. new service connections, new household supplies connected, or new plots served).*

In terms of format and handling, please provide the prosecution register and new-home connection numbers in CSV or Excel if possible.

If any part of this request is refused, please identify the exception relied upon and provide any information that can be disclosed with redactions."

Please find attached the data which you have requested. The prosecutions data is provided is provided in the format that it is held.

Part D of the Request

These are the 'plot' numbers reported by Developer Services for AMP7.

Below are the published actual figures.

For the purposes of paragraph 12(4)(d), a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that the request relates to material, which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data. We can confirm that the FY26 data is incomplete. Whilst we understand that it would be beneficial to obtain this data year to date, we have also considered whether it would be in the wider public interest to disclose the information. When weighed against the presumption in favour of disclosure, for the purposes of transparency and accountability, there may be some public interest in providing the data. However, we also have to take into consideration arguments for preventing disclosure. Information in relation to the FY26 data is incomplete and is still being collected. Once this information is complete, it will be published in our annual performance report and be available to access via our website: [Yorkshire Water – Reports](#).

New Properties	Units	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Total Water	000s	10.661	14.066	16.047	14.526	13.057

Our definition of a 'plot' is a new property connected in the financial year.

With regard to our APR reporting if you need further information, we publish at [Yorkshire Water – Reports](#).