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Request Details:
All relevant water quality, testing methodologies, environmental and public health data



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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulation 2004

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 14 May 2026 as detailed below. Your concern is clear regarding water quality and public health concerns. Following our review I unfortunately must inform you that the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) does not hold the specific information you have requested. DAERA is not responsible for the undertaking of monitoring specific to the nature of your request. You may wish to contact the Public Health Agency.

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/>

I can provide some details of the work DAERA does undertake which is specific to human health but falls outside of the specific information requested.

The Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) within DAERA NIEA regulates the quality of the public drinking water supply provided by NI Water. The drinking water regulations set standards for a range of microbiological and chemical parameters. NI Water monitor these parameters at water treatment works, service reservoirs and consumer taps to ensure compliance with the regulations. More information is available at [Drinking Water Inspectorate publishes 2024 report | Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs](#)

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DAERA designate bathing water sites which have been adopted by local Councils. Monitoring at bathing waters samples for faecal indicator bacteria and visual assessments for waste, proliferation of seaweed and algal scums and blooms. Information is available at <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/about-bathing-water-quality>.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely

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Freshwater Data Insights (FDI)

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