

Copied Version of the Water Fluoridation Public Consultation Questionnaire

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We have copied the entire Consultation Questionnaire so that it is visible in its entirety. Before getting to this point, you should have read the DHSC web pages on the Consultation We do not advise completing the on-line questionnaire before doing some more reading around the topic.

The joined-up screen snips below comprise the questionnaire for the Public Consultation on Water Fluoridation in the North East of England. You can see it in its entirety here. For the on-line questionnaire, you can only see a screen at a time.

There are variants to the questionnaire. (Choice 1) and 3 variants: Choice 2 is for responders who cannot personally access the on-line questionnaire but contains identical questions to Choice 1. It's just that it is rated separately by the data processor. Choice 3 is if you are completing the questionnaire in a professional capacity and Choice 4 is for representatives of an organisation. We have not accessed Choice 3 and Choice 4 so have not analysed them. **We will concentrate on Choice 1.**

According to a memorandum which qualifies the Consultation Regulations, **all individuals and organisations in the UK and abroad can respond to this Public Consultation.** However, the Secretary of State may be advised by his Civil Servants to give greater weight to responses from affected residents and businesses. We note also that the Consultation is marked “#Applies to England” and we are unsure if responses from Welsh, Scottish and Northern Ireland residents will be given any weight at all.

Each section of the on-line questionnaire is revealed by clicking on NEXT. The final page of the questionnaire registers the questionnaire which we have not yet done because that would have registered a dummy response and have skewed the results.

Having a prior viewing of the questionnaire prepares responders to gathering as much information as possible, preferably in text files, in order to help them order their thoughts. If an intending respondent does not

have access to a computer or i-Pad, he/she would be disadvantaged.
Would this unfairly prevent a cogent response?

So, without more ado, here is a copy of the questionnaire:

Choice 1

Choice 2

Choice 3

Choice 4

In what capacity are you responding to this survey?

An individual sharing my personal views and experiences

As an individual responding on behalf of someone else's personal views and experiences

An individual sharing my professional views

On behalf of an organisation

Choice 1 and Choice 2 Questionnaire

What is your age?

For individuals responding on behalf of someone else's personal views and experiences please confirm the age of the person you are responding on their behalf.

Under 10

10 to 14

15 to 19

20 to 24

25 to 34

35 to 44

45 to 54

55 to 64

65 to 74

75 or above

Prefer not to say

Where do you live in the UK?

England

Scotland

Wales

Northern Ireland

I live outside the UK

Please provide the first part of your postcode (for example: SW1E).

You have 5 characters remaining

What is your sex?

- Male Female Prefer not to say

Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

- Yes No Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

- White - includes British, Northern Irish, Irish, Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma or any other white background
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - includes white and black Caribbean, white and black African, white and Asian or any other mixed or multiple background
- Asian or British Asian - includes Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese or any other Asian background
- Black, black British, Caribbean, African or any other black background
- Other, includes Arab or any other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more? (optional)

- Yes No Prefer not to say

This is about health conditions, illnesses or impairments you may have. Consider conditions that always affect you and those that flare up from time to time. These may include, for example, sensory conditions, developmental conditions or learning impairments.

Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? (optional)

- Yes, a lot Yes, a little Not at all Prefer not to say

This is about whether your health condition or illness currently affects your ability to carry out day-to-day activities.

Do you live, work or study in an area where fluoride is already added to the water?

- Yes No Don't know

As part of this survey there are a few reasons we may require your email address:

- if you need to contact us about amending or deleting your response - the only way we can verify that it is your response is via your email address
- if you didn't have time to finish the survey, we can send you a reminder before it closes.

If you are responding on behalf of your organisation, please provide your organisational email address. Your email address will not be shared with anyone outside of the department.

Note: your survey responses will not be emailed to you.

Are you happy to share your email address with the Department of Health and Social Care?

Yes

No

What is your email address? (optional)

Your contact details will not be shared with anyone outside the department

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to expand water fluoridation to other areas of north east England?

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

What are the main reasons for your answer?

Select all that apply.

- Reducing tooth decay
- Reducing the number of dental treatments such as tooth extractions or fillings
- Reducing oral health inequalities
- Reducing costs to the NHS
- Improving other health outcomes
- Concerns about negative health impacts of water fluoridation
- Concerns about the environment
- Ethical arguments
- Other

Please specify

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You have 146 characters remaining

Please explain your answers and provide any supporting evidence, including weblinks, you have to support your views. (optional)

If you selected 'ethical arguments' please explain these.

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You have 1687 characters remaining

Maximum 250 words.

You may upload a document to support your response. (optional)

Upload a file

Choose file | No file chosen

Impact assessment

If you have any scientific evidence or evidence on the cost-benefit analysis for us to consider in our final impact assessment, please provide this. (optional)

Maximum 250 words.

You may upload a document to support your response. (optional)

Upload a file

No file chosen

Any other issues

Is there anything else you would like us to consider in this consultation? (optional)

Maximum 250 words.

You may upload a document to support your response. (optional)

Upload a file

No file chosen

Please review your answers

The 'review your answers' feature lists all the questions that you have answered or had the opportunity to answer.

Clicking on the 'Change' button against an answer will allow you to amend that answer.

After making any amendments you can then click through the survey using the 'Next' button, previously answered questions retain their answers.

Before you submit your response

We have a few questions we would like to ask to help us improve future consultations.

How satisfied are you with the consultation process? (optional)

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| <input type="radio"/> Very satisfied | <input type="radio"/> Satisfied |
| <input type="radio"/> Dissatisfied | <input type="radio"/> Very dissatisfied |

How did you hear about the consultation? (optional)

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| <input type="radio"/> Social media | <input type="radio"/> Received an email |
| <input type="radio"/> Word of mouth (family, friend or colleague) | <input type="radio"/> Direct communication from third sector organisation or regulatory organisation |
| <input type="radio"/> Broadcast news (TV or radio) | <input type="radio"/> GOV.UK or other government website |
| <input type="radio"/> Newspaper (online or print) | <input type="radio"/> Website (non-government) |
| <input type="radio"/> Trade magazine | <input type="radio"/> Other |

[Pressing NEXT will presumably register the response.]