



Derry City & Strabane
District Council

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Ref: EIR / 1985

29 August 2018

Ms
CHEM Trust
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Dear Ms

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 Request Consumer products testing

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

- 1) **Over the last five years, how much of Derry and Strabane District Council's budget was spent on analysis or monitoring for hazardous chemicals in consumer products?**

Response:

2014 – 2018: During this period (2014) the previous legacy councils of Derry City Council and Strabane District Council would have taken part in a Northern Ireland-wide Market Surveillance exercise (involving the then 26 District Councils), into Teeth Whitening Products, which included assessing hydrogen peroxide level contained in the samples obtained and analysed. This exercise was entirely funded by the then government department responsible for product safety: BIS (then BEIS). This piece of co-ordinated funded work, was carried out in response to the introduction of the Cosmetic Products Enforcement Regulations 2013 to help assess compliance.

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- 2) **How many sample consumer products were analysed by Derry and Strabane District Council in the last five years for hazardous chemicals, and what were the subsequent results of each analysis? How many samples breached legal limits for hazardous chemicals?**

Response:

As above. As part of this 26 council wide exercise, 5 no samples were taken from retail outlets and 15 were obtained from on-line suppliers. These figures relate to across the then 26 legacy councils.

All of the samples (100%) obtained failed under labelling. 20% of the retail samples and 46% of the online samples, failed on hydrogen peroxide levels.

- 3) **How many of these samples which breached legal limits for hazardous chemicals were notified to the Office for Product Safety and Standards (BEIS)?**

Response:

As the funding for this Market Surveillance Exercise on Teeth Whitening Products was provided by BIS, all of the findings from this exercise would have been notified to them in 2014.

- 4) **Have any prosecutions have made in the last five years by Derry and Strabane District Council relating to hazardous chemicals in consumer products? If so, what was the outcome of these prosecutions? Could you please provide links to further information on these prosecutions and notifications?**

Response:

None as per the above.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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