

# East Lothian Council

EIR Ref: 2018/345(488663)

*Please see below a Freedom of Information Request regarding lead in drinking water in schools and nurseries.*

## **1. Number of schools in your Local Authority Area?**

This information is published on East Lothian Council's (ELC) website. This means that, for the purposes of this legislation, this part of your request is excepted under Regulation 6(1)(b) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 as the information is already publicly available and easily accessible in another form or format. We have, however, provided a link to the relevant page for your convenience:

[https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210557/schools\\_and\\_learning](https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210557/schools_and_learning)

## **2. Do you have any school/nursery built before 1970.**

Yes

## **3. Did you test any of these school/nursery for lead in drinking water?**

*If yes, how many?*

39 Primary and High Schools were sampled. 136 samples in total were taken. Please refer to the attached "School Lead in Drinking Water Project March 2017.pdf".

## **4. Did you test any post 1970 building for lead in drinking water?**

### **A) If yes, how many and what type of buildings?**

Yes, please refer to the attached "School Lead in Drinking Water Project March 2017.pdf".

### **B) If NO, do you intend to start a sampling program for lead in schools/nursery?**

N/A

## **5. Sample Point**

Intake  tank  furthest point  others

Others: Plumbed in drinking water coolers and school kitchen food prep cold water taps.

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*Could you also please provide details of sampling procedure.*

**6. Type of sample:**

random first draw flushed stagnation other

Stagnation/first draw

**7. Lead levels**

**>2**

**2-10**

**< 10**

All samples returned a value of <1ug/Pb/L (micrograms per litre). Please refer to the "School Lead in Drinking Water Project March 2017.pdf".

***if Yes please provide details of sampling procedure ( please see questions 4-7 above) and when you anticipate the results to be available***

For this survey all samples were taken by janitorial staff at the schools in question following an instruction to take the samples first thing in the morning (first draw/stagnation) before the schools opened. They used 1 litre plastic bottles suitable for chemical sampling of water. They were then returned to Environmental Health who delivered them to the Public Analyst lab in Edinburgh for analysis.