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By email

Attachment: PCC figures 2000-2018

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Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004 - Request For
Information

Reference: EIR 201901015

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the clarification you provided regarding your request for information concerning historic water consumption data by local authority. You asked the following questions:

Are you saying that there is no breakdown of water consumption by local authority, that information is only available at a regional level? Ofwat does not hold information on water consumption by local authority.

Do you have information on consumption per household broken down by local authority? (= total use in a local authority/(number of water rate payers + number meter holders) . If that was available, broken down to local authority level, that would be useful and i would want it. Not available, this data is not held by Ofwat.

I am not looking for the per capita consumption per day, because this will depend on estimates of the population- which we do not have confidence in in this area. However, if you have this information, at local authority level, i would like to have it, even though it has a problem with the related population numbers. (i guess i could reverse engineer it - and multiply the per capita consumption per day times the relevant mid year population estimate times 365 and get the gross annual figure - would that work?) Ofwat does not have information by local

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authority area. The data is available by water company. In this instance for Severn Trent and South Staffs for the West Midlands Region.

I actually want the total domestic consumption in each local authority in the old West Midlands Government Region, on an annual basis. If you can supply this from 2001, so i can relate it to the census in 2001 and 2011, i would be grateful. However, if your time series starts later, that would still be helpful. If it goes back to 1991, or 1981, that would be miraculous and really useful. Ofwat's engineers have suggested using the following formula to calculate an estimate for domestic use. Find the local authority number of domestic properties and multiply by the average number of people in a household in the local authority area and multiply this by the per capita consumption (PCC) for Severn Trent and South Staffs. This will give an estimate for the gross domestic consumption within the West Midlands region. This online map demonstrates which areas are covered by the water companies. <https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/households/your-water-company/map/>

Ofwat confirms it does hold some of the information requested and has provided it as an attachment to this letter. The information in the spreadsheet is PCC data for Severn Trent from 2000-2018 and for South Staffs from 2015-2018 when the company first provided figures.

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