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Official information request information on Karori levels of fluoride.

I write regarding your official information request dated Wednesday, 22 June 2022.
You requested:

1. Would [Wellington Water] kindly advise as to whether Wellington City (in particular upper Karori area) is currently receiving optimal levels of fluoridated water.

We have considered your request in accordance with the local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and determined that we are able to grant your request in full.

For further reference, the independent inquiry into the cessation of fluoride is available on our website, and you can find that report here:
<https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/your-water/drinking-water/fluoride-inquiry>

Please see in the **Appendix** of this letter the answer to your question.
You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Appendix

Question: Would [Wellington Water] kindly advise as to whether Wellington City (in particular upper Karori area) is currently receiving optimal levels of fluoridated water.

Answer...

Wellington, and the Karori area is still receiving fluoridated drinking water but at a lower dose than usual.

The Ministry of Health recommend that water suppliers adjust fluoride levels to between 0.7 and 1.0 parts per million (ppm). Wellington Water aims to dose fluoride at 0.85 parts per million (ppm) however, current levels supplied to Karori are reading between 0.1(ppm) and 0.3(ppm).

Fluoride levels are measured at the treatment plants, not by suburb. Wellington Water has been regularly replenishing its data on fluoride levels on our website. You can find that information here: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/your-water/drinking-water/fluoride-at-our-water-treatment-plants>