

STOP PRESS: WATER FLUORIDATION FOR THE WHOLE UK?

Current Health Minister Andy Burnham, an ex-Vice President of the British Fluoridation Society, announced at the recent party conference that Labour should press ahead with fluoridation. On February 5th 2008, the then Health Minister Alan Johnson announced his wish that every family in England should receive Fluoride (as they call it) in their drinking water. If these people are given another term in office enforced fluoridation schemes will be cropping up everywhere. You may have thought that this issue did not affect you, IT DOES NOW!

What is water fluoridation? – What they tell you

It is claimed that adding fluoride to the drinking water supply, at the so-called optimal level of 1part per million, reduces tooth decay in children. Evidence for this claim is very weak. It is claimed that fluoridation has no harmful effects. This is false.

What's wrong with fluoridation? – What they don't tell you

The substance used is fluorosilicic acid, a poison, not a registered medicine. It has never been safety tested. In the fluoridated areas of Birmingham and Newcastle up to 48% of children suffer from dental fluorosis, the mottling and pitting of teeth. 15% have fluorosis of concern as a direct result of over-exposure to fluorides. Fluoridation is also in breach of the Council of Europe's Convention on Human Rights and Biomedicine, which forbids medication without individual, fully informed consent. The Government simply cannot ignore our Fundamental Rights. Fluoride is implicated in thyroid dysfunction giving rise to obesity along with many serious conditions. Irritable bowel syndrome, skeletal fluorosis and osteosarcoma are linked to fluoride consumption. The list goes on and on. Fluoridation ensures that some individuals receive too much fluoride, to the detriment of their health.

Government consultations— farce & fraud

The present Government has introduced legislation in such a way that, when the statutory consultations take place, public opposition can be completely disregarded - exactly what has happened in Southampton where 72% of respondents to the Consultation there were against it. Politicians assert that the decision is down to local people, a complete and utter distortion of reality. This assertion has been uttered by Mr Brown himself.

Political parties

The Green Party is opposed to fluoridation. The Conservatives and Lib/Dems are on the fence and had a free vote on the issue, parroting "It's up to local people", it obviously is not. If the Conservatives form the next government they need to be under no illusion that public opposition is massively against this. We must demand that our rights are respected and that we are not mass-medicated without our individual, informed consent with unauthorized substances. Essentially, this subjects us to medical experimentation by a bullying state.

Why the Conservative conference?

Come to the Conservative conference in Brighton, on 28th February at 9am and make your voice heard. Mr Cameron voted against fluoridation in the House of Commons. It is time for David Cameron to act and announce a party policy opposing mass-medication with fluoride. If he becomes Prime Minister, David Cameron has the power to stop any future fluoridation schemes and to wind up the existing ones. Let's give him some encouragement.

What's needed?

- Education in nutrition for parents and children
- Good quality food in schools and not bargain-basement junk food tendering, which compromises the health and development of our children
- Remove the processed sugary rubbish from schools, drinks and snacks. Proper dental provision so we have genuine preventative dentistry
- Target low-income families with free toothbrushes and fluoride free toothpastes. That way money is spent where it is needed and not where it isn't

That is how to reduce tooth decay, it's not complicated

This is a peaceful gathering to encourage the Tories to be explicit in their opposition to fluoridation

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