

STOP FLUORIDE MEDICATION via our DRINKING WATER!

Please support NPWA's call for the repeal of Sections 87-91 of the Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended)

Currently, five and half million people, mainly in the West Midlands and the North-East of England, are being medicated (1) by their water companies with fluorides, substances that have never been shown to be essential for human health (2). Please support this call to MPs and Members of the House of Lords to repeal the fluoridation legislation which gives the Department of Health the power to instruct Water Companies to fluoridate water supplies. **A water company that fluoridates is doing to all of its customers what a doctor cannot do to anyone of sound mind - that is administer medication to individuals without their informed consent (3).**

In 2009, despite 72% of 10,000 written responses to the official Consultation from those affected expressing opposition, South Central SHA – acting for the Department of Health – voted unanimously to instruct Southern Water Services Ltd to fluoridate the water supplies of 200,000 people living in Southampton and South West Hampshire. **Schemes for Manchester, Liverpool and London are likely to follow if the fluoridation legislation is not repealed.**

As the amending Water Act 2003 passed through both Houses of Parliament many assurances were given that fluoridation schemes would not be imposed on communities without their agreement. The Water Fluoridation (Consultation) Regulations 2005 allow the Department of Health to do just that. **This was deliberate deception of both Houses of Parliament. Only by repeal of the relevant fluoridation legislation may our proper democratic freedoms be restored. This authoritarian legislation must be removed from our Statute Books.**

Those who believe that the alleged benefits from fluoridation outweigh the individual's right to refuse consent to medication should remember that **there is not one high-quality scientific study to show that fluoridation is safe or effective (6).** In 1999 the US Centers for Disease Control stated that fluoride's "...actions primarily are topical for both adults and children." (4) – **confirming that no-one needs to swallow fluoride in order to protect their teeth.**

We are already over-exposed to fluoride, with 25% of us getting more than is safe. This figure rises to 67% (two thirds) in fluoridated areas (5). As a result 48% (almost half) of children in fluoridated areas are suffering from dental fluorosis (6) – a manifestation of systemic toxicity (7). In 12.5% (a quarter) of these cases the fluorosis is 'of aesthetic concern' – with brown stains and pitting affecting all tooth surfaces. **Veneers to treat dental fluorosis can cost over £500 per tooth and may need to be replaced every 5 to 10 years.**

A better way to improve oral health in those at high risk is the needs-based programme first trialed in Varmland County, Sweden. Initially focusing on expectant mothers in order to minimize the transmission of Strep mutans from mother to baby, this integrated dental care programme, together with the encouragement of personal responsibility for oral health, has proved **highly successful in Sweden and other Scandinavian countries (8).**

Please support this call to all Parliamentarians to repeal the fluoridation legislation now!

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Medicinal Product
 - (a) Any substance or combination of substances presented as having properties for treating or preventing disease in human beings or
 - (b) Any substance or combination of substances which may be used in or administered to human beings either with a view to restoring, correcting or modifying physiological function by exerting a pharmacological, immunological or metabolic action, or to making a medical diagnosis.
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Chapter II – Consent
Article 5 – General rule
An intervention in the health field may only be carried out after the person concerned has given free and informed consent to it.
This person shall beforehand be given appropriate information as to the purpose and nature of the intervention as well as on its consequences and risks.
The person concerned may freely withdraw consent at any time.
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