

# DWQR Newsletter to Local Authorities

## Private Water Supplies

Spring has sprung, the grass is ris... time for another newsletter (doesn't really scan).

As always, this newsletter will not replace Information Letters and data return emails (these will still continue!). Instead this is our opportunity to let you know of new developments in the world of private water supplies and where we are going with regard to changes in legislation.

### LEGISLATION

#### The Water Intended for Human Consumption (Private Supplies) (Scotland) Regulations 2017

These are now in force!

You can find the legislation here: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2017/282/contents/made>

#### Updated Guidance

We have updated the guidance a couple of times. The most recent is here:

<http://dwqr.scot/media/38829/pws-regulations-guidance-consolidated-ver-3-0-may-2018.pdf>

The change is to pesticide sampling for the zone samples (go to page 24).

We shall be updating it fairly regularly as we receive requests for clarification, and we'll let you know when we make changes.

#### Private Water Supply zones web map <https://goo.gl/3QCbvb>

This is an online mapping resource that will let you explore the PWS zones that cover your Local Authority area. If you have any comments, send them in to Dave G.



### Local Authority PWS Workshops

Since there is so much change in PWS at the moment, we are intending to hold a workshop in 2018, probably after the summer.

If there is a topic you would like to see addressed, or you have an interesting case study to share, please get in touch.

### ANNUAL RETURN

Thank you for sending us your return information.  
The annual report will be available on our website from September.

## New Risk Assessment

The risk assessment tool is progressing well. It should be ready to be rolled out mid-summer, although as its holiday period we may deploy it for a month or so for people to play with it before it goes live.

Towards the end of May we will be testing the first prototype of the new system and are looking for volunteers. You should have had an email from Alison in our office - if you'd like to be one of the first to take a look at the web based system and have a say in how it looks, please get in touch (if you haven't already done so).

We are intending to run a series of two-day training sessions, each with a handful of local authorities: the training will be a combination of new RA, plus taking the opportunity to cover discuss more technical issues for each treatment process. If you'd like to suggest a local venue for the training please get in touch.

## PWS INFORMATION HUB

The Information Hub is up and running, and we've updated the content.

This is information for owners and users, and the language is paired back to be more user friendly.

Please link your website to it so we can all sing from the same hymnsheet:

<https://www.mygov.scot/housing-local-services/water-supplies-sewerage/private-water-supplies/>

If you have any comments to make on the content, please use the feedback form on the site.

You can still find detailed technical advice on our website [www.dwqr.scot](http://www.dwqr.scot)



## Lead project: public water supplies

The Local Authority investigations into the possible presence of lead in their Council-owned School and Nursery premises is ongoing. The aim of this initiative was to identify where lead may be present in plumbing work providing the water supply to drinking water points and kitchen preparation areas. It is all about removing lead where it is found and we have guided that any samples showing greater than 5µg/l Pb should be investigated and steps taken to have the problem area addressed.

A similar exercise is set to start to investigate around 110 private schools and 3,700 private nurseries across the country. DWQR has commissioned Scottish Water to carry out the sampling investigation and work with EHOs & CPHMs to establish a common approach to 'consequence' management of any failures. A pilot run to test procedures and project processes is currently being carried out in two schools and one nursery premises in Edinburgh. The learning points from the pilot will be applied to the main programme of investigation to start later in the summer.

## FEEDBACK

We hope this newsletter is useful to you. If you have any suggestions as to how we could improve our communications or any other aspect of our work please let us know. [regulator@dwqr.scot](mailto:regulator@dwqr.scot) 0131 244 0190