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By email

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Freedom of Information - Request For Information

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Dear 

Thank you for your email in which you request a graph / table / list that shows the number of wastewater treatment works in the UK broken down by their size (e.g. under 1000m³ per day between 1 – 2000m³ per day etc....).

Also could you let me know i) the cost of fines for a site that is releasing too much phosphate into a water course ii) how much the Utility's paid in fines for that last year iii) how much they may pay in the future if they do not meet the new EU legislation?

Ofwat does hold some of the data you have requested. The data Ofwat uses is adapted for information that is available on the [European Environment Agency website](#). Ofwat only uses data for England and Wales as we do not regulate in Northern Ireland or Scotland and I attach a table for the information we have extracted which shows the number of treatment works.

In relation to fines the Environment Agency (EA) are responsible for levying the fines in relation to phosphate however this would only relate to England as Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have their own regulators. The fines also vary in relation to the size of the site.

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I have listed their details for you below for your information, including the Environment Agency.

- [Environment Agency - enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk)
- [Scottish Environmental Protection Agency - http://www.sepa.org.uk/contact/contact-us-via-email/](http://www.sepa.org.uk/contact/contact-us-via-email/)
- [Natural Resources Wales - https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/contact-us/request-information/freedom-of-information-requests/?lang=en](https://naturalresources.wales/about-us/contact-us/request-information/freedom-of-information-requests/?lang=en)
- [Northern Ireland Environment Agency - dard.informationmanager@dardni.gov.uk.](mailto:dard.informationmanager@dardni.gov.uk)

If you have any queries or concerns with regard to the content of this email please do contact me, quoting the reference number.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, please contact:

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<https://ico.org.uk/>

or

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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