

REFERENCE

2425299

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SUBJECT

Sewage related debris

REQUEST

Figures for sewage related debris found at locations in Derry

RESPONSE

The figures for sewage related debris (SRD) that were provided for Whitehouse, were the result of a specific case study that was undertaken on Whitehouse Wastewater Treatment Works in preparation for the Living with Water Belfast Document/Programme (included in section 4.12 page 48 of the document).

As this was information undertaken for a specific purpose, NI Water do not hold figures on sewage related debris for other areas throughout Northern Ireland.

Regulation 12(4)(a) (Information not held) provides that a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received.

All exceptions under the Regulations are qualified and so, in deciding whether or not to disclose the requested information, NI Water must consider the public interest. However, this is not possible where the information is not held.