

**From:** Official Information  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 February 2018 9:24 a.m.  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Information request - Statistics on illness (eg gastro) directly attributable to consuming Christchurch city supply water

Dear ,

Thank you for your email, received on 25 January 2018. You made the following request, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

*I am requesting statistics on the number of illnesses, including but not limited to gastrointestinal illness which are directly attributable to consumption of contaminated Christchurch City Council supplied water. (ie water delivered to properties in the CCC rating area from council owned bore heads via CCC owned infrastructure) since the September 2010 earthquake event.*

*In addition I request test results from all Christchurch bore heads showing levels of waterborne pathogens likely to cause above mentioned sickness.*

#### **Extension of timeframe**

On 23 February 2018, we extended the timeframe on our response to you by an additional 5 working days.

#### **Council Response**

The Council is not aware of any illness which has been directly attributable to consumption of the Christchurch City water supply. This has been confirmed by the CDHB.

I have attached a link to the 12 February 2018 Infrastructure, Transport and Environment Committee agenda which includes details on our water testing for November and December, including cases where E.Coli is present.

[http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/02/ITEC\\_20180212\\_AGN\\_2272\\_AT\\_WEB.htm](http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/02/ITEC_20180212_AGN_2272_AT_WEB.htm)

As the data illustrates, the Council takes a large number of samples; in fact our testing exceeds what is expected to comply with the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand.

This table shows the total number of E.Coli transgressions over the past 5 years.

E. coli positive samples		
FY	Location Detail	Total
⊕FY12/13		41
⊕FY13/14		39
⊕FY14/15		29
⊕FY15/16		14
⊕FY16/17		14
Grand Total		137

You may also like to refer to our chlorination webpage which has a map of all areas where we are chlorinating the water (which we carry out when completing infrastructure maintenance).

<https://ccc.govt.nz/services/water-and-drainage/water-supply/quality-and-monitoring/water-chlorination/>

I hope this assists.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review this extension. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely,

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