

Access to Public Information Response

July 15th 2014

REQUEST UNDER THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

Request sent on July 15th 2014:

On 1 May we requested information from Environmental Health through the Health and Social Services Department about air pollution levels that have been recorded in Guernsey.

Despite following up this request we have still not received a response and so are making a formal approach through the States information code in which the States has agreed to a presumption in favour of disclosure. The code also commits to proactive disclosure so we would hope this response will prompt in future the regular proactive release of air quality readings that are taken around the island.

Could we have the monthly air quality readings for Vale Avenue and Fountain Street for the period between May 2013 and May 2014?

Is this monthly information also available for the last five years and if so could it be provided in the interests of showing any trends?

Is similar information available for other areas? If they are, and if providing the information does not broaden the scope of this request so as to fall foul of an exemption, could we have that data too?

Could you also provide details of what levels are considered acceptable and safe?

States of Guernsey response:

Request was too broad. As such Environmental Health asked that the requester narrow down the request and resubmit. No resubmission was received.