

Dear Editor

I wonder how many readers have thought about the possible consequences of government plans to fluoridate our water supply in the Manchester area ?

Prior to attending the recent Stretford Neighbourhood Forum, I had thought little about this issue. At the Forum concerns were raised, not only by someone whose daughter is convinced she has suffered both dental and general health problems as a direct result of fluoridation of water in the West Midlands, but also by those who questioned the costs of this – which apparently could be anything from £35 to £102 million.

In addition fluoridation of the water supply amounts to mass medication with a substance which can be viewed as poison. My concerns have grown as I have sought to find out exactly what further consultation process with the public will take place in Trafford, one of the government's target areas. I have tried on several occasions to speak to someone responsible, but without success.

Will people have a chance I wonder to really question such an infringement of our rights or will fluoridation simply be imposed despite so much evidence against it ?

Sincerely

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