

NIHE Water Lead Pipes

1. At how many homes owned by the Northern Ireland Housing Executive have you had to replace or employ a contractor to replace lead pipes that were found at the property? Please provide this in Microsoft Excel format, under the following headings: 'year of replacement', 'number of homes' and 'location'?

The Housing Executive does not have any records on the number of properties where lead pipes have been replaced.

2. How much has it cost the Northern Ireland Housing Executive to replace lead pipes over the timeframe in your response to question 1? If possible, please provide this information broken down by year?

The Housing Executive does not have any records on the costs associated with lead pipes that have been replaced.

3. The correspondence you have supplied appears to finish in December 2022. Is there none between December and May 2023 (e.g. response to Claire Hanna's office and the response to the email about Causeway Aluminium Bungalows)?

There have been no reported instances of lead pipes being found/replaced since May 2023.

4. Can you please provide all correspondence over the past 12 months relating to the 'lead pipe strategy' which you are liaising with NI Water about please? (This may include, but is not limited to, internal and external emails, letters, business cases and reports. Examples of external correspondence recipients include any Stormont or other Government department, elected representative, public bodies, member of the public and any other outside body.).

As part of the Lead Pipe Strategy NI Water are actively replacing lead communication pipes in the following ways.

- a) as part of our proactive programme of work to remove lead pipe from within our infrastructure;
- b) when laying new water mains; and
- c) if lead above the regulatory limit is detected in a water sample taken at the property.

As part of this replacement programme NI Water have undertaken to notify customers when lead pipes are being or have been replaced and customers are encouraged to replace their lead supply pipework.

To date, the Housing Executive has received no correspondence from NI Water on the lead pipe replacement programme and we are continuing to check for lead pipe work as part of our planned works programme for the replacement of kitchens and bathrooms and at change of tenancies and removing it when found.