

3 September 2020

Our ref: 6533300

Thank you for your request received on 21 August 2020, for the following information:

**My name is xx and I am a Research Assistant at the Marine Conservation Society. We are conducting a desk-based study looking at the current monitoring of contaminants (e.g. heavy metals, PCB's etc.) in commonly consumed fish and shellfish. We have been in touch with the FSA who have advised that we contact individual local authorities to gather information directly. As such, we are getting in touch with all local authorities to enquire about their seafood contaminants monitoring programmes.**

**Would it be possible to provide details of any relevant monitoring that you conduct in this area e.g. what species of fish/shellfish you sample, how often and for what substances?**

**Also, is there any raw data available from recent testing and do you have any summary of your recent findings on contaminant levels in fish and shellfish?**

**Please provide your response via this form. If there are any issues using the form or you would prefer to provide your response directly, please send your response to me via email.**

**I would be very grateful if you are able to help with some or all of this information, or if you could direct me to someone who can.**

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

### **Response**

We have checked our database and can report that we have no relevant information.

We have checked fish/shelf-fish samples taken over the past 5 years and found none were analysed for chemical contaminants

### **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to

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