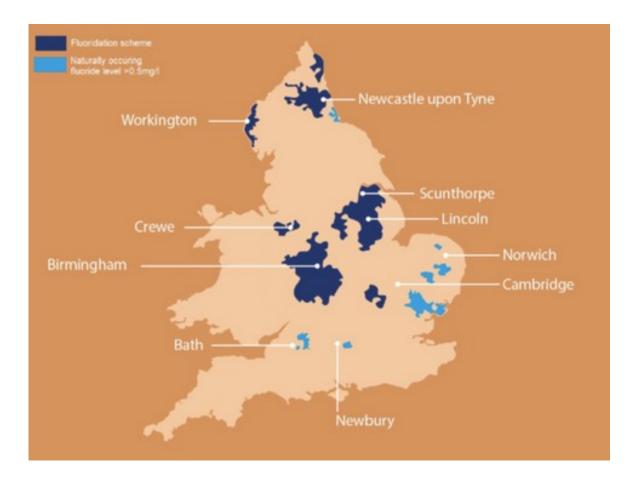
Appendix 15

"Map of fluoridated areas in England"



The areas partly fluoridated are Cumbria, Cheshire, Northumbria, Humberside, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Bedfordshire and a large part of the West Midlands. This amounts to 10% of the population in England receiving water that has been artificially fluoridated. Bedfordshire is the bottom dark area on the above map.

This map is slightly out of date because Bedford Borough, at the time of writing, 2023, is not fluoridated, although a small part of Central Bedfordshire, 20%, remains fluoridated. And there was always a fluoride free space running between the two areas, which has not been shown on the above map.

This can all be confusing for people living in Bedford, especially when their Anglian Water Company states on its website, that Bedford Borough has an agreement to fluoridate, however, this refers to the original or old contract of 1971 that allowed fluoridation. When reading fluoride levels on the Water Companies website, it is necessary to understand the difference between a normal backgr**Source: UK Government** ound level of fluoride, opposed to an added level of fluoride. More about Bedford's situation in chapter 10.

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Fluoridation schemes in parts of the named areas.

