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Bottle/Sterile drinking water in high risk areas

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Bottled water is not supplied routinely.

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No.

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Yes, showers and taps are managed in accordance with relevant legislation and guidance. POU filters are one of the options which can be considered as a control measure.

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Belfast Trust does not have a policy on bottled water.