

2019 Local Authority Environmental Enforcement Activity Highlights

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Environmental Inspections

188,000



Environmental Licences/Permits/Certifications

>14,800



Environmental Enforcement Actions

22,800



Environmental Prosecutions
(not including 1,200 litter prosecutions)

515+

2019 Local Authority Environmental Sectors

Planning & Governance



Local authorities need to:
Continually monitor and evaluate progress towards the delivery of the national enforcement priorities.

Waste



Local authorities need to:
Continue to strengthen data sharing to support enforcement against illegal operations.
Drive better waste segregation, especially in the commercial sector.
Maintain focus on other waste priorities including C&D, waste collectors and ELV/PRI.

Water



Local authorities need to:
Ensure their resources are adequate to meet their statutory responsibilities.
Increase enforcement action.
Enforce drinking water standards in private supplies.
Maintain their monitoring role to inform action.

Air & Noise



Local authorities need to:
Increase capacity for air and noise environmental protection.
Develop a coordinated regional enforcement approach.
Increase enforcement particularly in new 'low smoke zones'.

