

Local Authority Environmental Inspections and Enforcement Data

Total Number	2024	2025
Licences/Permits/Certificates	10,700	10,700
Inspections Undertaken	227,400	252,000
Environmental Complaints Received	76,500	85,500
Enforcement Actions Taken	18,050	23,550
Prosecutions Initiated ¹	414	386
Waste		
Waste Complaints Received	67,400	75,800
Illegal Dumping Inspections	18,000	19,733
Multi-Agency Inspections	480	456
Household Waste Surveys	7,090	10,678
Commercial Food Waste Inspections	1,250	1,282
C&D Handling Inspections	1,550	2,373
Litter Patrols	68,600	75,112
Waste Collection Permit Inspections	2,570	211
Producer Responsibility Initiatives Inspections (WEEE, Batteries, Tyres, ELV, Packaging, Farm Plastic, Plastic Bags and DRS)	3,480	3,024
Water		
Water/Wastewater Complaints Received	3,700	3,427
WFD Monitoring and Investigations ²	26,670	27,032
Farm Inspections – Initial GAP Inspections Undertaken	2,598	4,315
Other Types of Farm Inspections Undertake (in response to planning applications, incidents and complaints)	1,666	1,555
Septic Tank Inspections under the National Inspection Plan	1,390	1,466
Discharge Licence (Section 4) Inspections	2,600	3,229

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Air & Noise		
Air/Odour and Noise Complaints Received	5,400	6,277
Solid Fuel Regulation Inspections	1,490	1,345
Decorative Paint Regulation Inspections	460	383
Petroleum Vapour Regulation Inspections	550	660
Solvent Regulation Inspections	180	156
Enforcement Actions Initiated		
Waste Enforcement Actions	13,300	16,124
Water/Wastewater Enforcement Actions	3,680	5,526
Air Enforcement Actions	690	1,329
Noise Enforcement Actions	330	486
PRI Enforcement Actions	40	76
Total Enforcement Actions Initiated	18,050	23,550
Prosecutions Initiated		
Waste Prosecutions Actions ¹	376	324
Water/Wastewater Prosecution Actions	31	51
Air Prosecution Actions	5	10
Noise Prosecution Actions	2	1
Total Prosecutions Initiated	414	386

¹ Does not include prosecutions initiated under the Litter Pollution Act (728 in 2024 and 440 in 2025)

² This includes Water Framework Directive (WFD) operational, surveillance and investigative sampling programmes undertaken by local authorities