

Annex to Environmental Health (General) Enforcement Policy:

BV 166 Policies and procedures for referral to other regulators of relevant information received where there is wider regulatory interest

The Environmental Health Division recognises that it shares responsibility for maintaining public health and safety with other enforcers and agencies, even where it does not have specific enforcement powers. Its Enforcement Policy contains a general policy statement under the heading:

'Shared enforcement'

'A number of other agencies have a shared or complementary enforcement role with officers of the Environmental Health Division e.g. the Police, the Fire Service and other local authorities. We have effective arrangements in place to liaise with these enforcement bodies to promote consistency, effectiveness and to minimise unnecessary overlaps and delays'.

The Environmental Health Division also recognises its responsibility to offer best advice to customers on the role other agencies play and to refer them appropriately. It also recognises its responsibility to notify other agencies, appropriately, of issues and circumstances for which they have enforcement responsibility.

This annex outlines the areas of activity where liaison is routinely required and circumstances where other agencies provide those shared or complementary roles.

Food safety:

Agency	Role	Contact
DEFRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policy and direction on<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food safety issues• Animal health• Food & Environmental Protection Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As required• As required• As required
Food Standards Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food hazards• Meat hygiene• Premises approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine• Routine• Routine
Trading Standards Departments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food standards• Animal health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine• As required
Home authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food complaints• Food hygiene issues• ID & food poisoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine• Routine• Routine
Originating authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food complaints• Food hygiene issues• ID & food poisoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine• Routine• Routine
Other local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food complaints• Food hygiene issues• ID & food poisoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Routine• Routine• Routine

Health and safety:

Agency	Role	Contact
Health & Safety Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and direction on Health & Safety issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required
Health & Safety Executive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parallel enforcement responsibilities • Enforcement Liaison Officer • Employment Medical advisory Service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required • Routine • Routine
HSE Local Authorities Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement co-ordination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required
Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement liaison • Fire safety enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine • As required
Lead authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine
Other local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine

Licensing:

Agency	Role	Contact
Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and direction on licensing issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required
Criminal Records Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitability of persons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine
Magistrates Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison on licensing issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine
Hertfordshire Constabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison on licensing issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine
Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement liaison • Fire safety enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine • As required
Other local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine
RSPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required

Private sector housing:

Agency	Role	Contact
DEFRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and direction on housing issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required
Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement liaison • Fire safety enforcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine • As required
Hertfordshire County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapists • Social Services • Gypsy Liaison 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine • Routine • Routine
Thames Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mains drainage and sewage treatment • Water supplies (part DBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required • Routine
Three Valleys Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water supplies (part DBC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine

Pollution control:

Agency	Role	Contact
DEFRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and direction on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air pollution • Contaminated land • Food & Environmental Protection Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required • As required • As required
National Radiological Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Radiation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine

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Civil Aviation Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil aircraft operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required
Environment Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water resource contamination • Waste regulation • Fly tipping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required • As required • As required
Other local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine

Pest control

Agency	Role	Contact
DEFRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and direction on pest control 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required
Other local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine

Dog Warden services

Agency	Role	Contact
Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and direction on Byelaws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required
Other local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine
RSPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required