

CIEH Survey of Local Authority Noise Enforcement Activity 2012-13

England and Wales

Data represents 159 (46%) of 348 local authorities

	INDUSTRY		COMMERCE / LEISURE			RESIDENTIAL			CONSTRUCTION ETC	VME's	TOTAL'S	
	Agricultural Premises	Industrial / Warehousing / Distribution Premises	"On"-Licensed Premises e.g. Pubs, Clubs, Restaurants	Commercial Premises e.g. Offices, Shops, Public transport	Leisure Premises e.g. Sports Facilities, Funtairs	Single Family House / Bungalow	Flats / Maisonettes	Other Residential e.g. Hostels, HMOs, Boarding Schools	Construction / Demolition Sites	Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment in Streets	SUM OF COLUMNS ⁴	TOTAL OF ALL COMPLAINTS ⁵
COMPLAINTS												
Number of Noise Complaints Received in Year	1,054	2,307	10,579	8,503	3,151	85,977	32,203	4,152	6,799	8,111	162,836	194,501
Number of Noise Complaints Resolved in Year	890	1,890	8,305	7,405	2,502	73,640	22,436	3,568	5,865	6,864	133,365	158,095
Number of Noise Incidents Complained-of	839	1,705	7,823	6,640	2,519	70,915	23,657	3,280	4,904	5,882	128,164	142,993
Number of Noise Incidents Per Million Population	57	82	358	313	123	3,252	1,180	185	229	270	6,049	6,291
Incidents Confirmed as Potentially Actionable ^{1,2}	245	627	2,752	2,441	746	25,674	7,642	927	1,601	1,120	43,775	
STATUTORY NUISANCES REMEDIED WITHOUT A NOTICE ^{3,6}												
Nuisance Ceased and Not Likely to Recur	28	95	329	320	128	3,420	580	61	171	141	5,273	
Referred to Other Services	13	15	74	73	34	388	179	11	24	33	844	
Resolved Informally	52	136	534	630	160	3,894	1,228	120	371	127	7,252	
No Action Possible	27	77	378	282	120	3,164	1,121	54	146	164	5,533	
NOTICES SERVED ⁶												
S.80 EPA 1990 Abatement Notice	2	22	253	140	27	1,613	687	223	31	150	3,148	8,931
S.60 & S.61 CoPA 1974 Control of Construction Noise									990	2	992	1,026
Noise Act 1996 Warning Notice			3			134	20	98			255	258
Noise Act 1996 Fixed Penalty							2	9			11	11
S.80(4A) EPA 1990 Fixed Penalty (Lond)		1		1		2			1		5	27
APPEALS AGAINST NOTICES ⁶												
Number of Appeals Allowed in Whole or in Part			3		1	1					5	
PROSECUTIONS BEGUN ⁶												
Breach of Abatement Notice			37	14	2	197	112		4	6	372	1,108
Breach of Restriction on, or Prior Consent for, Construction Noise									12		12	35
Noise Act 1996											0	
Convictions Gained			12	2	7	82	42		6		151	
OTHER REMEDIES ⁶												
Nuisance Remedied by the LA in Default			1	8	2	85	25	13		44	178	317
Number of Seizures			4	1	1	77	55				138	

¹ Incidents Confirmed as Potentially Actionable includes all those 'triggers' giving rise to formal enforcement power (described previously as "incidents confirmed as statutory nuisances etc")

² The sum of actions taken to resolve nuisances may exceed the Incidents Confirmed as Potentially Actionable figure because not all local authorities could provide data on incidents and more than one formal action may be taken to resolve a nuisance

³ "Nuisances" here means statutory nuisances

⁴ The sum of columns value is calculated, information provided by local authorities providing sub-total data only is not included here

⁵ The Total of all Complaints column includes noise activity unaccounted for in previous columns

⁶ Figures reported from 2005-06 may seem lower than previous years as they have not been subject to a 'grossing' calculation. Before 2005-06, where responding authorities were not able to provide data on the questions concerning outcome of noise incidents, estimates were made by pro-rating on number of noise incidents complained of