

Our priority areas

Purchasing Power - Our collective buying power means Local Authorities continue to benefit from up to 30% discount on subscriptions as a result of operating as one single entity

Health & Wellbeing

Rogue Trading - Our Scambusters team provided £200,000 in investigative support for TSSE authorities to tackle 13 cross border enforcement cases focusing on Doorstep Crime, Intellectual Property and Online Scams

Training - 13 courses were provided for 209 Officers, of which 11 courses were free of charge and the average cost of the other 2 courses was £90

Cross Border Enforcement - Across London, the East and South East of England, our joint enforcement team sentenced a total of 22 defendants, issued fines amounting to £202,000, generated £150,000 in compensation, £423,000 in confiscation awards & disrupted rogue trading activity estimated at £8.1 million

Reducing Crime, Protecting the Vulnerable & Community Safety

Efficiency Savings - TSSEL's average annual turnover of £2.35 million delivers efficiencies of up to 30% to help improve front-line local delivery

Sharing Best Practice - Our network of Focus Group experts delivers a ratio of 1:3 in officer savings from working together

Economic Development & Support to Business

Unsafe Goods - For every £1 invested in prevention and surveillance activities at Southampton port, £65 in net economic benefits are generated as a result of reduced impact to consumers and businesses

Mass Marketing Scams - We are working with 171 local authorities nationally to reduce detriment equating to over £8 million. Total estimated consumer savings is £26 million. It is estimated that for every £1 of funding received, the team saved consumers £81.50

Service Improvement

Joint Officer Resource - We employed 1.5 officers, funded by the Food Standards Agency grant to support the delivery of our regional feeds programme



Trading Standards South East Ltd

TSSEL End of Year Achievements 2015-16

Who are we?

Trading Standards South East (TSSE) is a partnership of 19 local authority Trading Standards Services, operated through TSSE Ltd, a limited liability company.

What is our vision?

We work together to achieve maximum efficiency & effectiveness whilst retaining local and democratic accountability across Trading Standards South East Authorities.

What do we do?

We provide efficiencies and cost savings to local authorities as a result of adopting a coordinated joined up approach, by sharing best practice, avoiding duplication & contracting as one entity.

Coordination of effort offers huge benefits to local councils, central government, local consumers and businesses and the economy at a time when budget cuts continue to impact on local authorities.

There are a vast range of activities undertaken by the TSSE partnership team including:

- bargaining power resulting in cost savings
- consultation and policy development
- benchmarking and best practice improvements
- governance & financial monitoring
- building additional capacity
- partnership working, engagement with stakeholders
- central coordination & administration
- project management and delivery



TSSÉ funded approximately £70,000 worth of initiatives during 2015 -16 as outlined below

We supplemented national funding for our Regional Intelligence Officer in support of or commitment to regional tasking and Intel development

We provided officer authorisation updates

We funded market surveillance work at a Fulfilment House in Portsmouth

We funded the translation of an FSA produced allergen leaflet into 9 different languages for local businesses and shared with Trading Standards groups nationally

We provided bursaries for training

We produced a leaflet titled 'Stand Against Scams' in support of our commitment to Mass Marketing Fraud and our Protecting the Vulnerable Focus Group work

We worked in partnership with 'Action For People' to develop our Support With Confidence scheme and website

We produced a Tobacco Manual which was shared nationally via our Chartered Trading Standards Institute

We assisted and funded Local Authority requests for Intel and investigative support via our Regional Tasking process

We provided 206 PNC checks for TSSÉ authorities

Funding drawn down by TSSÉL and reimbursed to member authorities in 2015-16 as detailed below totalled £1.75 million.

For every £1 pound paid by authorities in TSSÉL membership fees they receive on average £4 worth of funding

FSA Food Sampling	FSA Feed Sampling	FSA Food Traceability Project	Fulfilment House Project	NTSB Albacore	NTSB Safety at Ports	NTSB Tri Region Scam-busters (TRS)
£171,482	£324,703	£14,845	£26,520	£272,604	£235,544	£262,500

BEIS	NTSB Scams Hub	NTSB E-Crime stand alone PCs	NTSB Intel license	LA supplies a Chair for TSSÉL FG
£2,000	£418,479	£3,300	£9,600	£10,000

Key
 BEIS - Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy
 FSA - Foods Standards Authority
 NTSB - National Trading Standards Board

We sponsored both TSI branches in support of our commitment to continued professional development

We supported Tobacco Enforcement activity including Operation Henry Dog Detection days and a project on Cheap Whites Illicit Tobacco