Trading Standards Service | Bracknell Forest West Berkshire Wokingham

Public Protection Partnership | Environmental Health Licensing & Trading Standards

Public Protection Service 2024-2027 Strategic Assessment Review (2026)

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

This document provides an interim review of the full PPP Strategic Assessment for 2024–2027.

Its purpose is to assess how the Public Protection Partnership is meeting its current priorities and to identify any changes.

The review indicates high levels of activity across the service, with priorities remaining unchanged and no areas of concern identified.

2. DATA SOURCES

In line with the National Intelligence Model, a number of intelligence sources have been considered to identify existing and emerging issues. This report has been compiled using both quantitative and qualitative data from the following sources:

- Local Database (Idox)
- National Databases (CAB, IDB)
- Health & Safety Executive (HSE)
- Food Standards Agency (FSA)
- National Trading Standards Board / National Tasking Group (NTS)
- Trading Standards South-East (TSSE) Regional Assessment
- Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC)
- Air Quality Monitoring Programme

Data for the period 01/01/2025 to 31/12/2025 has been reviewed for this document, unless otherwise stated.

The validity, completeness and consistency of the source data should be considered, as these factors may affect the accuracy and comparability of the reported outputs.

3. INTELLIGENCE REVIEW (IDB) - Reviewed

There has been a slight decrease in the number of all intelligence submissions made on IDB during this reporting period (Calendar year 2025). The number of reports has decreased from 858 in the previous reporting period to 819 reports (39 - 5%) during the current period. However, the number of reports relating to the three Authority areas has increased from 757 to 805 (48 - 6%)

The 2025 originating sub-organisation for matters appertaining to the PPP area include

LA	Total
Bracknell Forest Borough Council	173
West Berkshire Council	397
Wokingham Borough Council	235
Reading	4
Bromley	1
Windsor and Maidenhead	1
Tandridge	1
Slough	4
Buckinghamshire	1
Location Unknown	2
Grand Total	819

The business areas with the highest number of submissions are Doorstep Crime and Rogue Trading, Age Restricted Sales, Lifestyle, Fair Trading, Tobacco and Cigarettes.

Primary Business Areas	Total	%
Doorstep Crime and Rogue Trading	275	34%
Age Restricted Sales	263	32%
Lifestyle	67	8%
Fair Trading	52	6%
Tobacco and Cigarettes	49	6%

The above areas of intelligence development can be attributed to

- Re alignment of the intelligence team with the Doorstep Crime and Rogue Trading investigations team. Intelligence packages commenced during 25/26 for this team is 19 most of which are still ongoing investigations.
- Dedicated Age Restricted Sales officer and joint operations with TVP
- Lifestyle is the IDB business area used by the intelligence team for entity development.
- Fair Trading is one of the IDB business areas selected by officers creating logs

- Tobacco and Cigarettes OP CECE proactive operations across all three Authority areas

MoRILE Scoring

Following a change in the guidance to how MoRILE scores are interpreted, they should not be presented in isolation. The scores have therefore been removed from this document. Each of the priorities have still been assessed and are used to evaluate the service's ability to respond to risk, support decision-making, prioritise resources and develop collaborative responses with law enforcement, wider government and partner agencies.

National Trading Standards Board (NTS) Priorities - Reviewed

An updated NTS Strategic Assessment was published in October 2025 and highlighted the there were no changes to the key priority areas for the NTS National Control Strategy for 2026 – 2027 to those previously identified.

4. CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES

The cost cutting priorities remain the same.

5. TARGETED PRIORITY OUTCOMES

Key	
	Decrease
	No change
	Increase

BUILDING SAFER COMMUNITIES

Priority	Horizon Scanning
Building Safer Communities	➢ Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 This law came in April 2025. Martyn's Law regulator will be the new Security Industry Authority (SIA) and not the local authority https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/martyns-law-the-sias-new-regulatory-role/martyns-law-the-sias-new-regulatory-role ➢ National Licensing Policy framework to operate alongside LA03 Aims to introduce inconsistency across councils tobacco vapes licensing requirements. ➢ Taxi/PHV Cross-Border Enforcement (Devolution Bill) Amendments to the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill (expected to become law in 2026) will allow licensing officers to take immediate action against taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) drivers, vehicles, and operators. ➢ Digital Age-Check ID - ***New*** Proposals are in place to amend the Licensing Act 2003 to allow digital identification for age verification, which would change how authorities and operators handle age compliance. ➢ Licensing Hours Extension Act 2026 - ***New*** This amends 2003 act to allow govt to relax licensing hours for special occasions ➢ Sporting Events Bill - ***New*** Introduced into the House of Lords on 14/05/2026. The Bill aims to better equip the UK to deliver large sporting events into the future. UEFA European Championships 2028 and the FIFA Women's World Cup 2035 (should the UK's bid be successful). The framework provisions include measures to: Deter touts by creating a criminal offence for the unauthorised resale of tickets for a sporting event. Prohibit unauthorised advertising and trading around event locations by creating time-limited criminal offences and Prohibit unauthorised association with a sporting event by creating a general prohibition enforceable through the civil courts

Areas of Work	Change
Licencing Act 2003 • There has been a 34% increase in applications received and an increase in the number of reports in relation to licensed premises.	
Hackney Carriage & Private Hire • 17.5% decrease in applications that related to the licensing of taxi drivers and vehicles. Reports relating to taxi drivers has remained the same	
Reducing Violence Against Women and Girls • PPP is represented on Community Safety Partnership boards across the partnership area and contributes to this priority through its work on underage sales and Operation Albion. PPP continue to engage with the boards to identify opportunities for further support, including drink-spiking awareness initiatives and targeted seasonal campaigns.	
Offensive Weapons and Corrosives • Op Albion is a project starting in the summer of 2026 relating to the under-age sales (UAS) of corrosive substances.	
Event Safety	

	For Year 25/26: • 302 Event Management Plans submitted (6% increase from previous period) • 62 events brought to SAG meetings (Similar to previous period)	
	Unfair Trading and Doorstep Crime (DSC)* For the Financial Year 2025/2026: • The number of reports of DSC have slightly increased from the previous year. • Payment amounts totalled £1,093,540. (£1,371,743 in 2024/2025). • The most complained about type of work across all 3 authorities was Roofing work. This accounted for 35% of all DSC reports received by PPP. ** These figures are based on reports where consumers live within PPP areas.*	
	Business as Usual	**Change**
	Street Collections • The number of applications have remained the same in 2025.	
	Scrap Metal Dealers • There has been a slight increase in applications for scrap metal sites and collectors in 2025, along with an increase in reports relating to scrap metal dealers.	
	Gambling • Licencing applications relating to gambling and betting have remained the same in 2025	
	House to House Collections • Licensing applications relating to House-to-House collections remained the same in 2025	
	Small Society Lotteries • There has been a been a 78% reduction in licensing applications relating to small society lotteries	
	Street Trading • There has been a 31% increase in street trading consent applications, which has also meant an increase in reports received.	
	Animal Warden Activities • There has been a 21% increase in reports made relating to the Dog Wardens activities in 2025. • There has been a 31% increase in dog-on-dog attacks. However, reports of dangerous dogs have reduced by 29%. • There has been a 45% increase in dog fouling complaints • There has been a 37% increase in stray dog collections, with 43% increase in the number of dogs returned to their owners.	
	Pest Control Enforcement • 21% reduction in reports in 2025. The majority of which related to advice, with 11% relating to enforcement. • 92% of all pest control reports received were related to rat infestations	
	Empty Homes and Public Health Risks • Empty property reports have remained the same in 2025	
	Responsible Authority Roles for Licencing • 36% increase in Licencing Consultations across PPP in 2025. • 14% increase in Temporary Event Notices in 2025	

IMPROVED LIVING ENVIRONMENT

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<tr><td rowspan="2">Improved Living Environment</td><td>
<u>Awaabs Law</u>
Came into force October 2025, applicable to damp & mould and emergency hazards, within the Social Housing Sector which is not enforced by PPP. This is enforced by the Housing Obudsman and Regulator of Social Housing.
<u>Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS)</u>
The government has now laid draft guidance for HHSRS2 in Parliament, and it is expected to come into force in June 2026. All EH officers in the PPP residential team are trained to carry out HHSRS assessments.
<u>The Renters Rights Act 2025</u> - New
From 1 May 2026, PPP became responsible for enforcing landlord legislation, including offences under the Renters' Rights Act and the Protection from Eviction Act. Enforcement action will primarily take the form of civil financial penalties, with any income generated reinvested into private housing enforcement.
PPP will also be subject to a mandatory reporting requirement on private housing enforcement activity, expected to commence in late 2026/27, with returns submitted to MHCLG. Further reforms under the Renters' Rights Act include the introduction of a national landlord register, expected to be rolled out regionally from late 2026. PPP will be responsible for promoting compliance, enforcing registration requirements, and verifying submitted information.
<u>Right to Rent Penalty Increase</u>
This is a Home Office enforcement and does not affect the work of PPP. No adverse effects on the rental market have been observed as a result.
<u>Higher-Risk Buildings Regulations 2023</u>
This is in force however local authorities are not listed as recipients of information so there is little impact to PPP.
<u>Fit & Proper Person</u>
2026 marks 5 years since the requirement for registration of a fit and proper person to manage the site and therefore some registrations are expiring within the next calendar year and new applications are expected.
<u>The Supported Housing Regulatory Oversight Act</u> - New
The Act will introduce a licensing scheme for supported housing, expected to be implemented in 2027. Responsibility for administering the scheme has not yet been confirmed; however, if it follows a similar model to HMO licensing, PPP may be required to support its administration.</td></tr>
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<tr><td><u>Unlicensed Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMOs)</u>
Reports relating to alleged unlicenced HMO premises in PPP have slightly increased.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Unfit Private Rented Sector and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs)</u>
In 2025 there has been a 33% reduction in reports related to Private Rented Sector Landlords and RSLs.
There has been a reduction in the number of complaints relating to HMO’s in 2025.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Unfit Park Homes Operators</u>
There has been a 73% reduction in complaints relating to the condition of mobile homes and caravan sites in 2025.
Caravan licensing enquiries have doubled in 2025.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Energy Efficiency Non-Compliance</u>
Operation Sapphire - Letters sent to properties in Bracknell and West Berkshire. Responses and results have been recorded. Project is currently paused until next stage of MEES as focus is currently on Renters Rights Act 2025.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Tenant’s Rights and Letting Agents</u>
A Senior Trading Standards officer has been reallocated within the EH</td><td></td></tr>
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	Residential team to follow through with Operation Willow. All letting agents in PPP have been visited in relation to Renters Rights Act 2025 (RRA25), Tenant Fees Act, Client Money Protection, Deposit protection, Redress schemes. Websites checked.	
	Commercial to Residential Conversion Compliance Programme • Enquiries relating to Commercial to Residential Conversion have remained similar in 2025.	
	Business as Usual	**Change**
	Domestic Nuisance • Reports relating to domestic nuisance have remained the same in 2025. • 76% of domestic nuisance reports were related to noise, with Domestic alarms were the most reported noise nuisance across PPP.	
	Houses of Multiple Occupation • PPP currently has 196 licenced HMO's across Bracknell Forest and West Berkshire. ➢ In 2025 there was an increase in applications for HMO's (including new, renewals and variations).	
	Relevant Protected Caravan Sites ➢ There are 24 relevant protected sites in the PPP area. All are receiving annual inspections and officers are ensuring compliance with licence conditions and fit and proper person regulations.	
	Homes for Ukraine ➢ There were 59 accommodation checks conducted in 2025. (65 in the previous period).	
	Flexible Home Improvement Loans (Bracknell only) ➢ In 2025 flexible home improvement loan enquiries have halved since 2023.	

PROTECTING CONSUMERS FROM FRAUD

Priority	Horizon Scanning	
Protecting Consumers from Fraud	➢ Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 (DMCCA) This legislation came into force in April 2025, replacing the Consumer Protection Rights Act while largely retaining the existing framework. Part 8 of the Enterprise Act 2002 has been superseded by a new court-based enforcement regime under Part 3 of the DMCCA, enabling Trading Standards to seek a range of court orders against traders. The legislation also places greater emphasis on intelligence and evidence gathering, particularly in relation to fake consumer reviews, drip pricing, subscription contracts, hidden charges, and misleading online sales practices. As a result, Trading Standards services are likely to spend more time collecting and evidencing breaches.	
	Areas of Work	**Change**
	Scams and Victim Support • There was a 20% reduction in scam related reports received by PPP in 2025. • Over £30,000 recovered on behalf of victims. • Proactive seasonal campaigns were delivered. • Now in year 2 of the 3 year OPCC grant funded agreement.	
	Food Fraud • PPP respond to complaints relating to counterfeit goods, allergens, foreign labelled foods, American sweets/drinks when they arise and also look out for anything whilst on inspections. • There was a 33% decrease in reports relating to allegens from the previous year.	
	Metrology – Short Weight / Measure • There were 7 reports relating to short measure /weight related in 2025. This	

	is a slight reduction from the previous year.	
	Intellectual Property • Reports relating to intellectual Property remain the same. Products include clothing, electricals, alcohol. In January 2026 PPP successfully prosecuted an individual for 5 offences under the Trade Marks Act. They were sentenced to a 12-months' community order with 80 hours unpaid work.	
	Illegal Money Lending • Illegal money lending is incorporated in PPP scams presentations and PPP continue as a partner with the national Illegal Money Lending Team supporting campaigns such as stop loan sharks.	
	Proceeds of Crime / Asset Recovery • In 2025 an additional Accredited Financial Investigator (AFI) was recruited (Total of 3 AFI's) and there is also now a Financial Intelligence Officer. • 17 new investigations were instigated in 2025* relating to money laundering and in some cases confiscation, compared with 9 cases instigated during the previous period. **This figure does not include cases that are ongoing or in the court process.*	
	Illicit Products and Excise Breaches • There were 27 reports relating to illicit tobacco in 2025 under Op CeCe, which was an increase from the previous year.	
	Level 1-3 Fraud and Unfair Trading Investigations • The number of ongoing Trading Standards investigations, including those in the court process, has increased since the previous period.	

REDUCING HARM IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Priority	Horizon Scanning	
Reducing Harm in Young People	➢ Ban of Disposable Vapes In June 2025, the sale of disposable vapes were banned in the UK. This is enforced by Trading Standards. ➢ Tobacco and Vapes Act 2026 - ***New*** This will prohibit the sale of tobacco products, herbal smoking products and cigarette papers to anyone born on or after 1 January 2009, with the restrictions taking effect when this group reaches the age of 18 on 1 January 2027. From October 2026, Trading Standards can issue FPN's for breaches and also in October there will be age restrictions on the of sale non-medicinal nicotine products and non-nicotine vapes. There is further consultation will be conducted for creating a Licensing scheme for tobacco & nicotine products where premises will need a licence to sell them. ➢ Knife Crime and Knife Sales Legislation - ***New*** On 2nd April 2026, the National Knife Crime Centre was launched with a UK-wide remit. Following Royal Assent of the Crime and Policing Act 2026 on 29 April 2026, Trading Standards will support strengthened age-verification requirements for online sales of knives and crossbows. This is expected to involve increased test-purchasing activity with knife retailers, expanded online enforcement responsibilities, closer partnership working with the police and violence reduction programmes, and additional training on remote-sales legislation and digital evidence.	
	Areas of Work	**Change**
	Underage Sales of Vapes (UAS) Since December 2024, PPP have a dedicated Age Restricted Sales Enforcement Officer. • There has been a 24% decrease in reporting relating to UAS of vapes. • In 2025, there were 108 test purchases for the UAS of vapes, across the 3 authorities, with an 89% pass rate and only 12 failures.	

	West Berkshire Projects Funded by Public Health	
	• Public health work continues in partnership with Public Health colleagues, except for Smokefree Sidelines and Smokefree Homes. The attitudinal survey completed last year is not currently planned for repetition but may be reviewed as part of the 2026/27 work plan and needs assessment. • Jointly funded by West Berkshire Public Health and PPP, a new Advanced Public Health Practitioner and Community Programme Officer was appointed in May 2026. Initial priorities include recruiting a replacement Victim Support Officer and delivering the 2026/27 work programme for smoking cessation, alcohol reduction, and other shared health priorities. The joint Public Health and PPP plan has been produced and agreed. • It is likely that OPCC funding will be reduced by around 40%, (Victim support work) which will affect delivery beyond 2027 if this remains the case. However, this may be replaced with other pieces of work, which would be funded.	
	Illegal Tobacco • Op Cece is a national project relating to illicit tobacco. This has been initiated in PPP as a high priority whilst engaging with HMRC. The first inspections have resulted in 3 investigations.	
	Underage Sales (UAS) • Reporting relating to UAS have remained the same in 2025. • 43% of reports related to the underage sales of vapes (A decrease compared to 55% last period) • 29% of reports related to the underage sale of alcohol (An increase compared to 11% last period) • There was an 87% pass rate in the UAS test purchases which were conducted in 2025. • Responsible Retailer Scheme has been launched, which focusses on UAS and management of business processes. The success of the scheme will be reviewed in 2026.	
	Unsafe Goods • In 2025, there has been a 28% increase in reports made to PPP relating to unsafe goods and services (2023:38, 2025: 53). • 49% of unsafe goods and services reports related to used cars, service and repairs. • Op Tabitha is an ongoing project relating to used cars and Enterprise Act action has been instigated with some traders. • Op Crackle is an ongoing project into ESF unlicensed electricians.	
	Buy With Confidence (Bracknell Only) • There are currently 22 registered businesses on the scheme (Previously 20).	
	Business as Usual	**Change**
	Weights and Measure Inspections • There has been a 64% reduction in weights and measure reports across PPP in 2025.	
	Community Larder • This is now run by volunteer groups with no involvement by PPP.	

PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Priority	Horizon Scanning	
Protection of the Environment	➢ Crematoria Process guidance Note (PG5/2(25)) The Process Guidance Note PG5/2(25) was updated in July 2026 and may increase Environmental Health workload through permit reviews, operator engagement and compliance monitoring, particularly where existing cremators require upgrades to flue gas treatment, mercury abatement and emissions monitoring systems	
	Areas of Work	**Change**
	Air Quality • Monitoring locations are reviewed annually and for 2026 there are 68 across PPP. • The AQMAs in Twyford and M4 have been revoked and the AQMA in Crowthorne is in the process of being revoked. • The Wokingham TC AQAP update has not been completed, DEFRA have approved it is put on hold pending ASR 2026 (2025 data) outcome.	
	Environmental Crime (Bracknell Only) • In 2025 there was a 14% increase in reported incidents of fly tipping in Bracknell. • 27 FPNs were issued in 2025.	
	Single-use Plastics • The supply or sale of certain single-use plastic items has been prohibited in England since October 2023. Only two reports were received in 2025, with none recorded the previous year. Any breaches can be identified during food inspections.	
	Business as Usual	**Change**
	Planning Consultations • There has been a 5% decrease in the number of Planning Consultations.	
	Statutory Nuisance (Commercial) • Reports relating to commercial nuisance have remained the same. • 72% of commercial nuisance reports related to noise in 2025.	
	COPA (Control of Pollution Act) • Very few applications made proactively but 1 Notice served following construction noise complaints so far in 2026 (None served in 2025).	
	LAPPC Inspections (Local Authority Pollution Prevention & Control) • All 33 required inspections in 25/26 carried out. Return for DEFRA Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) return 25/26 now a statutory requirement and due 12/6/26. The new statutory requirement does not relate to any current permit in WBC or BFC as currently we only have permits for Par B premises. • There 16 inspections due in 26/27 *(Note: The number of inspections varies due to risk assessment. Some are required every 6 months or annually or every 2 years and the remainder are every 3 years)*	
	Contaminated Land • Reports relating to contaminated land have remained the same.	
	Weight Restrictions and Overloaded Vehicles • There was a 5% decrease in the number of Weight Restriction and overloaded vehicle inspections undertaken in 2025. • There has been an 11% increase in the number of breaches.	

PROMOTING ANIMAL WELFARE

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<tr><td rowspan="4">Promoting Animal Welfare</td><td colspan="2">➢ <u>Bird Keepers Registration Requirement</u>
Since October 2024 it has been a legal requirement for all bird keepers in England and Wales to register their birds with the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) – regardless of flock size. Minimal impact on PPP.
➢ <u>Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022 and 2023 Regulations</u>
In England, penalty notices can now be issued to deal with specified animal health and welfare offences by offering an individual or business the option to avoid prosecution by paying a financial penalty (up to £5,000) under the Animals (Penalty Notices) Act 2022 and 2023 Regulations, instead of going to court. This still needs to be initiated in PPP.</td></tr>
<tr><th>Areas of Work</th><th>Change</th></tr>
<tr><td><u>Licensable Activity (Breeding/Boarding etc)</u>
• In 2025 there as a 12% decrease in licencing applications in relation to animal boarding and day care facilities.
• Applications in relation to breeding and selling animals remain similar.
• The number of reports received relating to animal breeding remained the same.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Animal Welfare on Farms</u>
• There was a reduction in on-farm animal health and welfare inspections conducted across the PPP in 2025. The number of proposed animal health and welfare inspections for the coming year are detailed in the Feed & Food Plan 26/27.
• There was a 62% increase in animal health and welfare reports, including disease control reports. There were national outbreaks of Bluetongue virus and Avian Influenza in 2025.</td><td></td></tr>
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SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE

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Local authorities are intended to be the licensing and enforcement bodies for lower-risk procedures. However, a consultation outcome in August 2025, the Government is prioritising restrictions on the highest-risk procedures first. It also indicates that further consultation and secondary legislation are required before the full local authority licensing scheme can be introduced.</td></tr>
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<tr><td><u>Health and Safety</u>
• There was a 9% reduction in Health & Safety reports in 2025.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Topic Based Health and Safety Interventions</u>
• The HSE published the Local Authority Priorities and Targeting Interventions LAC 67/2 in April 2026 and covers the period 2026/27 to 2028/29. All of the priority topics in the document would apply to West Berkshire and Bracknell Forest areas (they are based on national health and safety at work intel). However, PPP is currently identifying and funding priority topic interventions.</td><td></td></tr>
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<tr><td><u>Explosives Licensing</u>
• Explosives inspections conducted by Trading Standards remained the same.</td><td></td></tr>
<tr><td><u>Petroleum Licensing</u>
• There was a 44% increase in licensing applications in relation to petroleum certificates in 2025 and 27% increase in the number of petroleum inspections</td><td></td></tr>
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	conducted by Trading Standards.	
	Work Related Health and Safety SR/Outbreaks • There has been a decrease in reports of Cryptosporidium and Legionellosis record on PPP systems. • UKHSA no longer notifies LAs of confirmed cases of Campylobacter and overall number of infectious disease notifications therefore reduced.	
	Accident Investigations • Accidents reported to PPP under RIDDOR have remained similar. • 61% of all accidents reported related to employees and 39% related to accidents to members of the public. • 52% of all reports related to a slip, trip or fall on same level • 7% of accidents reported to PPP under RIDDOR were investigated. • 33% increase in the number of complaints made directly to PPP, with 56% of these complaints relating to accidents by accidents by members of the public.	

SAFE AND HEALTHY FOOD CHAIN

Priority	Horizon Scanning	
Safe and Healthy Food Chain	➢ Animal Feed Storage Unit Risks A DEFRA survey has highlighted the risks of disease in animal feed storage units, with farmers advised to regularly clean such facilities. This could see an increase in registrations and compliance visits. ➢ The Private Water Supplies (England) Regulations 2016 - revised guidance This will increase the number of supplies and therefore there will be an increase in monitoring to be undertaken and risk assessments that will be required. Potentially could impact Environmental Health as distribution systems are found, both permanent and temporary ➢ New Food Delivery Model - ***New*** Developed by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) to modernise the approach to food standards enforcement delivery, allowing for official controls based on the risk posed by a food business. ➢ Funding - ***New*** At the end of March 2026, PPP lost 1.2 FTE casual officers due to loss of funding.	
	Areas of Work	**Change**
	Food Premises Inspections • New Food Model by the FSA is now a risk-based inspection regime, however some premises still have the old risk ratings associated with them. • Number of food premises liable for inspections have been identified for the coming year and detailed in the PPP Feed & Food Plan 26/27. The number of premises liable for inspection has slightly increased from the previous year. • The Food Service Plan for Food Hygiene inspections is currently being drafted.	
	Primary Production and Animal Feed • The number of proposed inspections for the coming year are detailed in the PPP Feed & Food Plan 26/27. These have slightly increased from the previous year.	
	Foodborne / Waterborne Outbreaks • There were suspected outbreaks investigated in 2025/26 but none were confirmed. • There was a successful prosecution of a Bracknell food business in April 2026 relating to an outbreak of Salmonella enteriditis in December 2024 that affected 7 people three of whom were hospitalised.	

	Labelling and Health Claims • In 2025 there was a 63% increase in food labelling reports recorded in 2025.	
	Target Food Sampling • PPP are to participate in FSA NSP2, which is a regional targeted / intel led sampling. • Proposed food sampling has been planned for the coming year and is detailed in the PPP Feed and Food Plan 26/27, with a reduction in the number of samples planned so far for the coming year, compared with last period.	
	Business as Usual	**Change**
	Programmed Inspections as per Food Standards Agency Code Of Practice • Number of food premises liable for inspections have been identified for the coming year and detailed in the PPP Feed & Food Plan 26/27. • FSA are monitoring the backlog of unrated and E rated food hygiene inspections. The action plan for dealing with the backlog of unrated and E rated premises has been signed off by the FSA.	
	Food Hygiene Rating Scheme • 1.5% of premises were not "broadly compliant" in 25/26, which was the same as the previous year.	
	Infectious Diseases • There was a 68% decrease in 2025 from 2023. UKHSA no longer notifies LAs of confirmed cases of Campylobacter and overall number of infectious disease notifications therefore reduced.	
	Private Water Supplies Risk Assessments • Previous failures related to nitrate were not seen in 2025, but other issues found relating to some metals. • In 2025 there were 133 single dwellings , and following a project it was identified that some supplies have connected to mains. • In 2025 4 new supplies were found, which require risk assessment. • In 2026, 24 risk assessments are due. 8 were carried out in 2025.	
	Private Water Supply Sampling • In 2025 88 supplies were sampled. 92 were sampled the previous year. *(Note: The reason the numbers change is due to risk assessment for each supply which sets out the sampling requirement both in type of parameters to be sampled and the frequency.)*	
	Allergens • Reports relating to allergens across PPP have slightly reduced.	
	Routine Labelling & Health Claims • Slight increase in recorded activity relating to Food labelling, composition and out of date food in 2025 from the previous year.	
	Routine Food Sampling • Proposed food sampling has been planned for the coming year and is detailed in the PPP Feed and Food Plan 26/27. • There were no microbiological food samples taken in 2025/26 due to a lack of officer resource.	