

## What is the data from WasteDataFlow used for?

This fact sheet is intended to provide a brief overview of how the data Local Authorities submit via WasteDataFlow is used:

- To enable LAs to run **reports** for various **key waste statistics** to inform LA planning and waste management. The reports also enable LAs to **benchmark** their performance against other waste authorities.
- To enable authorities to meet the requirement to report quarterly data to the Monitoring authority under **Landfill Allowances Schemes regulations**.
- To monitor progress towards **local targets** which are measured by Central Government using **Performance Indicators** (e.g. Best Value Performance Indicators in England).
- To monitor progress towards **national targets** for example in England the data is used to monitor Defra's National **Public Service Agreement (PSA)** target on household waste recycling and the PSA target on abandoned vehicles which is co-ordinated by the department of Communities and Local Government.
- To produce **National Statistics** on municipal waste arisings.
  - **England:** *Defra Waste Statistics*
  - **Wales:** *Welsh Assembly Government*
  - **Northern Ireland:** *Environment & Heritage Service*
  - **Scotland:** *Environmental Protection Agency*
- To provide data on household waste for the **EU Waste Statistics Regulation data Return**.
- To provide an **evidence base** to guide government policy for example the 2007 Waste Strategy for England.
- Waste data is provided to number of **public bodies**. WasteDataFlow has replaced separate waste data collections which were carried out by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and Capital Waste Facts (CWF).
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  - CapitalWasteFacts (CWF)
  - WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) use the data to update their Online Recycling Information System (ORIS) tool
- Data is also used to answer **Parliamentary Questions**, **public enquires** and provided to organisations and research institutions for **research projects** on waste and recycling.

### Relevant links

*Defra Waste Statistics*

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/statistics/wastats/index.htm>

*Welsh Assembly Government*

[http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/waste\\_recycling/?lang=en](http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/environmentcountryside/epq/waste_recycling/?lang=en)

*Northern Ireland Environment & Heritage Service*

<http://www.ehsni.gov.uk/waste/waste-publications.htm>

*Scottish Environmental Protection Agency*

<http://www.sepa.org.uk/nws/data/returns.htm>

*EU Waste Statistics Regulation data Return*

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/statistics/waste/wreuwastestats.htm>

*Waste Strategy for England, 2007*

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/index.htm>

*CIPFA*

<http://www.cipfa.org.uk>

*CapitalWasteFacts (CWF)*

<http://www.capitalwastefacts.com>

*WRAP*

[http://www.wrap.org.uk/local\\_authorities/online\\_recycling\\_information\\_system\\_oris](http://www.wrap.org.uk/local_authorities/online_recycling_information_system_oris)