



# Waste data actions

SEPA update

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# Introduction

- Dataflows Unit in SEPA:
  - We process, verify and report most of the waste data submitted to SEPA (mainly licensed/permitted site returns, exemption returns and household waste submissions).
  - We handle most of the waste data enquiries submitted to SEPA.
  - We produce many of the waste statistics for Scotland.
- My update today will cover what we've been doing on waste data over the past year and what we will be doing this coming year and, where appropriate, how that relates to the strategy actions.

## 2021 – Cyberattack and Recovery

- Survived cyberattack!
- Received quarterly/annual waste data submissions from operators and local authorities
- Published three key data reports for 2020\*
- Recovered historical LSR data (up to mid 2019)
- Provided data support to digital waste tracking and deposit return scheme

\*Relates to WDS action: “Continue to monitor and publish progress towards waste targets”

## 2022 - Data and processes

- SEPA's online register of waste carriers and brokers updated (Jan 2022) ✓
- Process site returns waste data for 2021 and 2022
- Process household waste data for 2021
- Process exemptions waste data for 2021/2022
- Collect metadata on SEPA's waste datasets\*
- Refresh and update processes and procedures†
- Provide ongoing data support to digital waste tracking and the deposit return scheme

\*Relates to WDS action: "Improve metadata associated with waste data"

†Relates to WDS Action: "...understand the issues faced by data providers and provide guidance in a format that meets their needs"

## 2022/23 – Publications

- Publish limited set of 2019 and 2020 data in March 2022
- Revise and update the waste sites and capacity report (spring/summer 2022)
- Publish more of the data contained in the site and exemptions returns (summer/autumn 2022)\*
- Publish official statistics for landfill, incineration and household waste data in Sept 2022
- Publish official statistics for 'waste from all sources' in March 2023

\*Relates to WDS action: “publish as much of the raw waste data that SEPA collects as possible”

## Links and Contacts

- [Waste.data@sepa.org.uk](mailto:Waste.data@sepa.org.uk) for all enquiries
- [wastedata.flow@sepa.org.uk](mailto:wastedata.flow@sepa.org.uk) for enquiries relating to the submission of household waste data via wastedataflow
- [Wastedatastrategy@sepa.org.uk](mailto:Wastedatastrategy@sepa.org.uk) for any enquiries about the waste data strategy or events like this
- SEPA's waste data publications:  
<https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/waste/waste-data/waste-data-reporting/>
- Guidance for operators/waste data enthusiasts:  
<https://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/waste/waste-data/guidance-and-forms-for-operators/>
- Register of Waste Carriers and Brokers – SEPA:  
<https://www2.sepa.org.uk/wastecarriers/>
- Further information on waste carriers and brokers:  
<https://www.sepa.org.uk/regulations/waste/waste-carriers-and-brokers/>
- Scotland's Environment website (WDS page):  
<https://www.environment.gov.scot/data/waste-data-strategy/>

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