Ad hoc release: Provisional 2016/17 Local Authority data on Waste Collection and Treatment for England (April to June and July to September 2016)

Provisional data in its raw data format for quarter 1 (April to June 2016) and for quarter 2 (July to September 2016) have been published on data.gov. The data include information on the collection and treatment of waste by local authorities. These are in the raw data format only and a statistical summary has not been prepared. These are provisional data which have been through initial on-line data validation checks but have not been fully validated. The data are not complete for every local authority as not all data have been submitted for quarter 2 and not all data have had the initial data quality check completed. These data are not National Statistics.

These data have been published to provide equality of access to information for a data enquiry.

The data are provided by Local Authorities each quarter through the WasteDataFlow system (http://www.wastedataflow.org/). Several stages of data validation are carried out by the local authority submitting the data, the WasteDataFlow contractor, the Environment Agency and Defra. The WasteDataFlow contractors check each return for completeness and data consistency. There is an on-line validation process which compares the data for the current quarter against the data for the equivalent quarter for the previous year process against thresholds based on expected level of variance. Once the data have been validated by the contractor, further validation checks may be undertaken by the Environment Agencies. Other trend and outlier analysis on key measures at an aggregate England and individual Local Authority level are undertaken by Defra.

The available provisional data for 2016/17 (April to June and July to September) are available on data.gov: https://data.gov.uk/dataset/waste-data-flow.

It is possible that some of the data will change prior to finalisation and publication at the end of the year when the National Statistics for the full 2016/17 financial year are published. At this point, it is anticipated that this provisional data will be replaced with updated final complete data for the full financial year. This publication is provisionally scheduled for November 2017.

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