

SMOKEFREE LEGISLATION COMPLIANCE DATA

Report Covering December 2007 (Period 7)

Technical Annex

This annex provides details of regional response to the seventh smokefree legislation compliance data collection from enforcement authorities in England, as well as additional notes and definitions. This annex should be read in conjunction with the main report which summarises the findings.

In total, responses were received from 326 local authorities (92%), the data from which also covered 46 port health authorities. In addition, 5 port health authorities provided separate returns.

Response

The data return was e-mailed to a named contact in each enforcement authority on 28th December. A reminder was circulated on 8th January, and by 17th January 331 authorities had responded, as below:

	Local authority responses		Number of port health authority responses
	Number	%	
East Midlands	38	95%	0
East of England	45	94%	0
London	28	85%	1
North East	17	74%	0
North West	41	95%	1
South East	63	94%	1
South West	42	93%	1
West Midlands	32	94%	0
Yorkshire & Humberside	20	95%	1
England	326	92%	5

Additional notes and definitions

Types of premises

- Accommodation relates to the whole premises including bedrooms, bar areas and dining rooms.
- Restaurants are defined as all food establishments where diners sit to eat.
- Licensed premises are those licensed for the sale and consumption, on site, of liquor: for example, pubs, clubs, bingo halls. A dining area in or attached to a pub would be included within 'licensed premises'. A pub dining area that is in a separate building or is a separate business is included within 'restaurants'.
- Other premises are workplaces, manufacturers, takeaways, care establishments, bookmakers, and others.

Vehicles

- Vehicles include taxis, private hire vehicles, coaches, buses, and other work vehicles.

Compliance

- Reference to compliance in premises/vehicles means compliance at time of most recent inspection/visit during the period.

Complaints and enquiries

- Complaints are those about premises/vehicles not complying with the smokefree legislation (and exclude complaints related to litter, light nuisance and noise).
- Enquiries are those from businesses, employers or members of the public about compliance with smokefree legislation.
- The national compliance line is a telephone line (0800 5871 667) in operation from 1 July 2007 to enable members of the public to report possible breaches of the law. This information is passed to local councils to follow-up as appropriate.