



## ➤ TACKLING SERIOUS & ORGANISED WASTE CRIME

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# The waste crime problem 2018/19

**£6.8b**

Waste industry

**200m**

Tonnes of waste

**£1b**

Cost of illegality

**1000 waste sites closed**

19/20

**100+ prosecutions**

**28 custodial sentences**

19/20

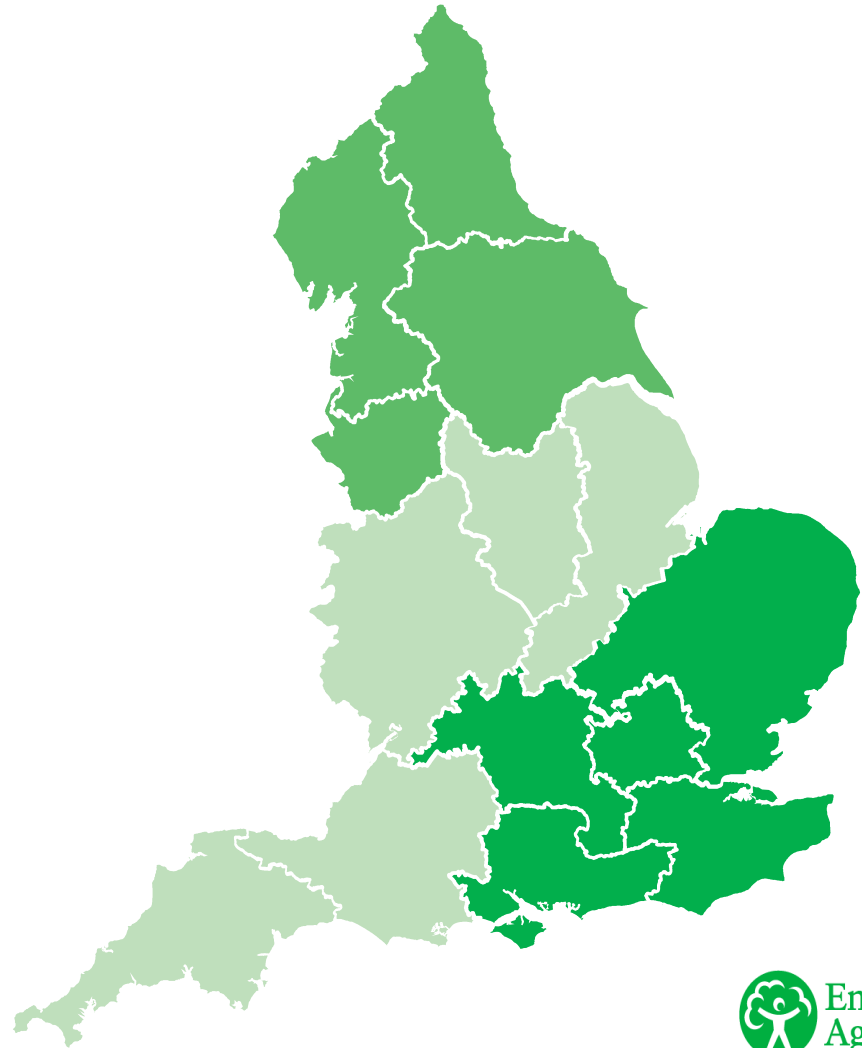


# National Enforcement Service



# How we work

- 14 areas
- 3 hubs
- Local Enforcement Teams
- National Enforcement Service



# Our Priorities

## PREPARE

- Intelligence led approach
- More proactive than reactive
- Sustainable funding model
- Capability and performance

## PREVENT

- Improve and develop our strategic approach to prevent
- Educate, communicate and engage
- Use permitting and compliance resources
- Increased use of technology

## PROTECT

- Prioritise based on threat risk and harm
- Modernise and consolidate legislation
- Test and learn

## PURSUE

- Intervene, disrupt and investigate
- Organise crime
- Partnerships



# THE JOINT UNIT FOR WASTE CRIME HAS NINE ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS



 Working in partnership to tackle serious and organised crime in the UK waste industry

# THE JOINT UNIT FOR WASTE CRIME HAS TWO INDUSTRY PARTNERS



environmental  
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association



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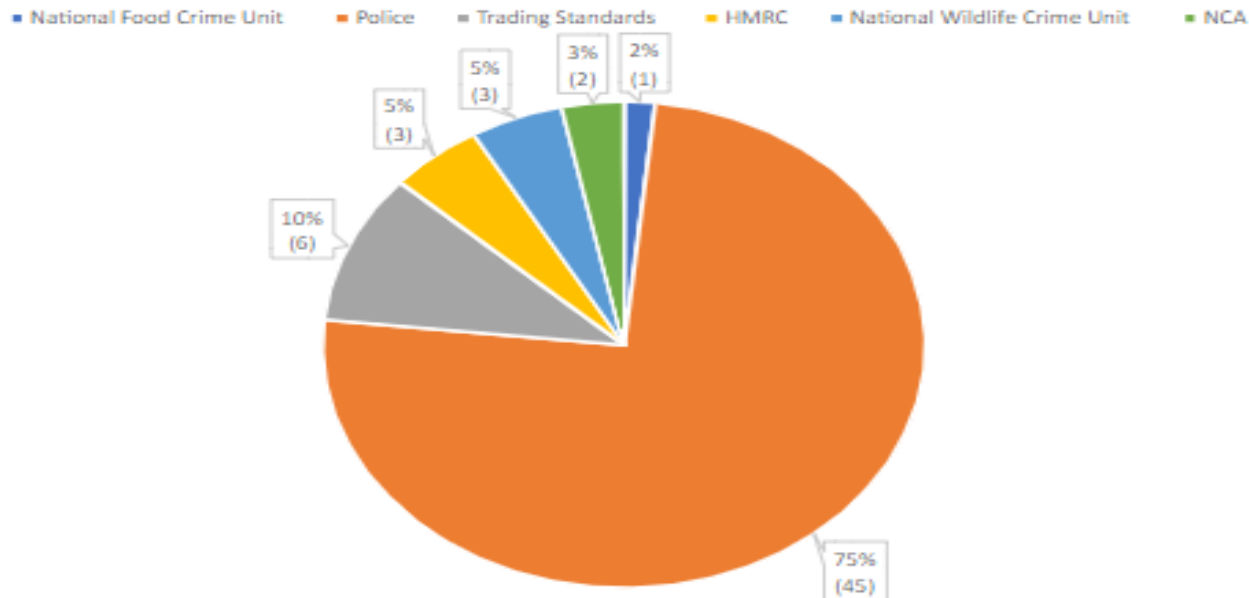
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# Organised Crime Groups

- There are 117 (3.1%) active OCGs in 2023 involved in the waste sector

Non-EA OCGs mapped for "Environmental Crime", by submitting agency, 04/01/2024 (total 60)



- Of the 117 OCGs linked to the waste sector, 97% are engaged in criminality other than environmental crime.
- The most common forms of criminality were found to be drug activity,
- specialist money laundering and violent crime.



➤ Driver & lorry from Eire.  
Waste from Wales, dumped  
in England. Arrested after  
getting stuck in the mud

# PREPARE

- CHIS management
- Partnership work-intelligence sharing

# PREVENT



- Seizure and crushing of vehicles
- Robust permitting decisions
- Targeted road stops

# PROTECT

- Regulatory reforms
- Use of MoRiLE



# PURSUE

- Economic Crime Unit
- Project Plume
- Recent successful prosecutions
- Multi Partnership day of action at waste producer site – Police, EA, SEPA, HMRC, Revenue Scotland and JUWC all attended using their powers.





Operation Angola

# How can you help

- Intelligence reporting
- Helping us understand emerging threats
- Establishing collaborate opportunities
- Promotion of JUWC





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