



The Grim RIPA

Cataloguing the ways in which local authorities have abused their covert surveillance powers¹

Key findings

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- **Newcastle-upon-Tyne** is the worst local authority in the country for RIPA investigations, having spied on their residents **231 times** in two years
- Authorities have used covert surveillance to **spy on their own employees** – because they thought they were lying about their car parking (Darlington), work times (Exeter), sick pay (Hambleton, Hammersmith and Fulham) – or to spy on the wardens they employ to spot crime (Liverpool)
- Over a dozen authorities have used RIPA to spy on dog owners to see whose animals were responsible for **dog fouling**
- Five authorities have used their powers to spy on people suspected of breaking the **smoking ban**
- Suffolk County Council used RIPA powers to make a “test purchase” – of a puppy
- Bromley Council **spied on a charity shop** to see people “fly tipping” donations at their door

¹ *The Grim RIPA* is the fifth major report from Big Brother Watch – a non-partisan campaign fighting to protect liberty and personal privacy. Reports on NHS data privacy, council-controlled CCTV, council officer powers of entry and microchips in dustbins can be found at <http://bigbrotherwatch.typepad.com/home/research.html/>. This report is written by Big Brother Watch Director Alex Deane, and is based on research conducted by Campaign Director Dylan Sharpe.

- The new coalition Government has announced² that they *will ban the use of powers in the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) by councils, unless they are signed off by a magistrate and required for stopping serious crime*. Given the results of our research, Big Brother Watch does not believe this to go far enough.

A full list of responses from councils, including details of the authorisations and prosecutions that resulted, is available in Appendix 2 of this report (page 12).

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² *The Coalition: Our Programme for Government*

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/409088/pfg_coalition.pdf p. 12

RIPA – A Brief History

Britain has an intrusive culture of state snooping which has attracted much negative attention internationally. But the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) is a particularly unpleasant feature of it. As *The New York Times* put it,³

It has become commonplace to call Britain a “surveillance society,” a place where security cameras lurk at every corner, giant databases keep track of intimate personal details and the government has extraordinary powers to intrude into citizens’ lives. ...

Under the [RIPA] law, the localities and agencies can film people with hidden cameras, trawl through communication traffic data like phone calls and Web site visits and enlist undercover “agents” to pose, for example, as teenagers who want to buy alcohol.

RIPA⁴ was introduced by the Labour Government in 2000; the Act was intended to make provision for and about

the interception of communications, the acquisition and disclosure of data relating to communications, the carrying out of surveillance, the use of covert human intelligence sources and the acquisition of the means by which electronic data protected by encryption or passwords may be decrypted or accessed;

to provide for Commissioners and a tribunal with functions and jurisdiction in relation to those matters,

to entries on and interferences with property or with wireless telegraphy

and to the carrying out of their functions by the Security Service, the Secret Intelligence Service and the Government Communications Headquarters; and for connected purposes.

On reading this, most people would imagine that these serious powers – to spy on people, without notice – were meant for law enforcement use against terrorists and crime kingpins. One might also presume, wrongly, that these powers are meant to be used sparingly in serious cases, rather than by council officials on members of the public, not convicted of any offence, in relation to trifling allegations. The “*connected purposes*” clause hinted at above has been extended in the legislation to include almost any alleged infraction.

The powers are “self-authorising” for Councils – that is to say that no external authority (such as a warrant from a court, or approval from a police officer) is required before they are used; the approval of one council official is enough to permit another council official to spy on a member of the public, potentially for months.

As their use has grown, these powers have been widely criticised. In November 2009, the House of Lords was told that non-law enforcement bodies (including Councils) were using their spying powers 200 times

³“Britons Weary of Surveillance in Minor Cases” *New York Times* 24 October 2009 *New York Times* Sarah Lyall http://www.nytimes.com/2009/10/25/world/europe/25surveillance.html?_r=2&em

⁴ http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2000/ukpga_20000023_en_1

a week.⁵ As a result, then-Home Secretary Alan Johnson announced that he would curb the ability of local authorities to use RIPA; he had apparently come to the view that junior council officials shouldn't have the authority to order surveillance operations, including secret filming and eavesdropping, for (in his words) "trivial reasons", such as catching people putting out their rubbish on the wrong day or letting their dogs foul the street.

Despite this pledge action was not forthcoming from the old Government prior to the May 2010 election.

The new coalition Government has announced⁶ that

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That is the latest word on RIPA to date.

⁵ "Councils deploy snooping powers 200 times a week" *Daily Mail* Steve Doughty 12 November 2009 <http://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/news/article-1227102/Councils-deploy-snooping-powers-200-times-week.html>

⁶ *The Coalition: Our Programme for Government*
http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/409088/pfg_coalition.pdf p. 12

The Problems

The most high-profile example of RIPA surveillance is the 2008 case of Jenny Paton and her family, who live in Poole. Wrongly suspecting Ms Paton of lying about her address in order to get her daughter into a school in a particular catchment area, Poole Council began a covert surveillance operation, obtaining her telephone billing records and, for over three weeks, Poole's officers secretly followed her, logging the movements of the "target vehicle" (her car) and the "female and three children" (her and her family). She has fought a remarkably drawn-out legal battle which, at the time of writing, two years after the events in question, is still unresolved.

Poole maintains that what their officers did was lawful. Sadly, they may be right: whilst what they did might be repugnant to many, it is likely that their Officers obeyed the rules currently in place for authorising and conducting surveillance. The problem is with the rules themselves. As explained above, the current RIPA authorisation process only requires a Council Official to approve the investigation. This very low standard required to initiate an investigation is perhaps responsible for the fact that RIPA investigations are spectacularly unsuccessful, as the statistics produced by our research shows (it will be noted from the table set out in Appendix 2 that many investigations go on for weeks and are simply "discontinued"). Few are converted into prosecutions and fewer still are successful.

In another celebrated example⁷ Croydon Council used RIPA covert surveillance powers to monitor a man trimming a hedge. He hadn't stolen it, or vandalised it – he'd trimmed it. The council stalked the area to find out who had done it.

Wandsworth Council used RIPA and terrorism powers over 300 times in 4 years⁸, on (their words) parking and benefit fraudsters, fly-tippers, and rogue traders.

Our research has discovered that

- **372** local authorities in Great Britain have conducted RIPA **surveillance operations** in **8,575** cases in the past two years. This means that Councils alone have carried out over **eleven surveillance operations every day in this country over the past two years**. It is to be remembered that our research covered only local authorities - other authorities in this country have such powers so the global figure will be much higher. RIPA gives 474 local governments and 318 agencies — including the Ambulance Service and the Charity Commission — powers once held by only a handful of law enforcement and security service organisations.
- The Councils reported that this surveillance resulted in only 399 prosecutions or 4.5% of authorisations). Some authorities stated that they did not retain information on whether they prosecuted people, which is – to say the least – surprising, but the true figure will therefore be somewhat higher than that. Nevertheless, this is a woefully low ratio. It means that only 4.6% of

⁷ "Council uses anti-terror laws to find out who pruned tree" *Croydon Today* 3 November 2009 Gareth Davies <http://www.thisiscroydontoday.co.uk/latestnews/Council-uses-anti-terror-laws-pruned-tree/article-1466974-detail/article.html>

⁸"Terrorism laws used 300 times in four years by Wandsworth Council snoopers" *Wandsworth Guardian* 14 October 2009 http://www.wandsworthguardian.co.uk/news/4679761.Terrorism_laws_used_300_times_in_four_years_by_council_snoopers/

investigations produced prosecutions (let alone convictions). It might fairly be said that only 4.6% of covert operations were objectively merited: the vast majority were concluded or discontinued without having “discovered” anything substantial enough to suggest that the victims of the surveillance were anything other than entirely innocent.

- **Newcastle-upon-Tyne** is the worst local authority in the country for RIPA investigations, having spied on their residents **231 times** in two years. Looking at the table set out in Appendix 2, it will be noted that there are very significant disparities in use of RIPA powers by authorities. Granted, population size is a factor that must be considered. But that hardly accounts for the enormous disparities shown here, and nobody would genuinely maintain that this disparity is a reflection of the general level of (dis)obedience amongst residents of each respective authority – rather, it is a reflection of the predilections of the bureaucrats in that area. It is unjust that people in one area are much more likely to be spied on because they happen to live in, say, Newcastle or Wandsworth rather than, say, Basingstoke, simply because their council officers like to spy.
- Authorities have used covert surveillance to **spy on their own employees** – because they thought they were lying about their car parking (Darlington), work times (Exeter), sick pay (Hambleton, Hammersmith and Fulham) – or to spy on the wardens they employ to spot crime (Liverpool). Of course private sector employers do not have such powers and it is scandalous and absurd that authorities, entrusted to use these capabilities responsibly, have deployed them in the context of workplace employment disputes.
- Over a dozen authorities have used RIPA to spy on dog owners to see whose animals were responsible for **dog fouling**. It is not to be denied that dog fouling is a problem, but is it genuinely proportionate to deploy covert surveillance to catch it? Is there no *de minimis* principle in the mind of those using these powers – no moment when they ask themselves, “wait a moment – do we really think this is appropriate?”
- Five authorities have used their powers to spy on people suspected of breaking the **smoking ban**
- Suffolk County Council used RIPA powers to make a “test purchase” – of a puppy
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This sort of absurd excess shows why no RIPA reform short of banning councils from using these powers at all will ever be enough. Furthermore, whilst accurately calculating or even estimating the total cost of this surveillance culture is impossible, the amount of public money wasted in this way is obviously immense.

But how will people get caught without these powers?

It is claimed that these powers are essential if councils are to catch those who fly-tip or cheat on benefits (or leave their bins open, or out on the wrong day, or allow their dogs to foul pavements). It must be conceded as a matter of logic that extending more and more surveillance to allow more and more bureaucrats to watch more and more people does make it more likely that people will be caught doing *something*. To that extent, we must decide what sort of society we want to live in. It would reduce crime and disorder to ban alcohol or the motor car or introduce a night curfew. We don't do these

things because it would be disproportionate and illiberal. Equally, to many people, the possession of such intrusive powers by councils will seem unnecessary to the ends they seek to achieve. With very many of the things councils “investigate” it may be concluded that the cure is much worse than the disease.

However, this is not necessarily to say that people will “get away” with whatever the council is concerned about. First, prosecutions and warnings for more minor offences existed in this country before 2000 – it’s hardly as if the new regime arrived in an anarchic Britain plagued by people persistently defying the authorities without repercussions. The traditional policing tools of complaint and investigation will of course continue to exist.

Secondly, even when investigation is warranted, much of the current surveillance is probably unnecessary – there are much simpler ways to approach one’s own residents than spying on them. As Jenny Paton said: “As far as I’m concerned, they’re within their rights to scrutinize all applications, but the way they went about it was totally unwarranted.”. If they’d wanted any information, they could have come and asked.”

Thirdly, not all Councils embraced the culture of abusing RIPA powers under the current regime, and they managed perfectly well without them. Bradford Council explained that they proudly **reduced** the use of RIPA surveillance⁹;

Since April 2007 a more robust approach has been adopted, i.e. notifying by letter persons against whom noise complaints are registered that they will be monitored by tape recording equipment installed in their next-door neighbours’ house or by officers listening. This changes what was covert surveillance into overt surveillance and therefore outside the scope of RIPA.

This example demonstrates that secret snooping isn't the only way to deal with these issues.

Furthermore, If it is ever right for surveillance to be used for such problems, then it ought to be the last resort, rather than - as so often in this country now - the first tool used by overbearing councils. As Bradford shows, Councils can do their work proportionately whilst still protecting privacy. But as long as they are left with the power to snoop, our research has shown that councils invariably use it. The only way to protect our privacy is to stop them having it in the first place.

Proposals for the future

- (1) For the reasons set out throughout this report, Councils should not have these powers at all. If the alleged wrongdoing is serious enough to merit covert surveillance, then it should be investigated by the police.
- (2) Failing that, the Government’s new proposals should be effected forthwith. Councils should only be permitted to use RIPA powers (i) with a warrant obtained from a Magistrates’ Court, and (ii) for serious crimes.

⁹ “Bradford Council reduced surveillance in fly-tipping and fraud cases” *Telegraph and Argus* 11 January 2010 Jo Winrow <http://www.thetelegraphandargus.co.uk/news/4844409>. *We re cutting our covert spy action /*

The trouble with the Coalition's plan is that Councils have been told many times to stop using RIPA powers in silly ways but have continued to do so.

It is difficult to imagine a "serious crime" that should actually be investigated by a council officer rather than the police. Even if such things do indeed exist, the procedure would mirror current warrant applications which take place in every Magistrates' Court every day in this country. Applications made to Magistrates for warrants are, if not quite rubber-stamped, habitually granted.

- (3) There should be an obligation to notify victims: Councils (and, for that matter, any authority using RIPA surveillance) should be obliged to inform those surveilled and found to be innocent that they had been under surveillance. No such obligation currently exists. This would change the whole culture of RIPA use – from proposal to authorisation to execution to report to conclusion – if those conducting it knew that they would have to justify their actions and behaviour to the subjects of that surveillance – to their victims. Presently, one's life may be watched and recorded for weeks or even months and never know that it happened. This is no theoretical point; with over 8,500 operations authorised in the past two years alone, many members of the public have been monitored and "acquitted" without their knowledge. It is not scaremongering, but rather sadly accurate, to point out the obvious - that it might have happened to you.

Methodology

- Freedom of Information requests were used to obtain these figures. Every local authority in Britain was sent a request asking for the number of times they had authorised operations or investigations under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (and, for Scottish authorities, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act 2000) in the periods 1st April 2008 – 31st March 2009 and 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010. The council was also asked to state the nature of the charge and whether any of the operations resulted in a prosecution. The full text of the Freedom of Information request submitted is included in Appendix 4.
- Although each council was asked to specify the exact details of each RIPA authorisation, in several cases the council has either not provided any details or used vague general explanations such as ‘Anti-social behaviour’. Although every incomplete answer was challenged, in several cases this has resulted in the council opening a new Freedom of Information request subject to another 20-day response deadline. Similarly, several councils have ignored our request for the data to be provided in financial years, and have instead provided data in calendar years. Where this has occurred these councils have again been challenged and, if no further data is provided, this has been made clear in the table in Appendix 2.
- Nine councils (Central Bedfordshire, Bedford Borough, Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Chester, Cornwall, Durham, Northumberland, Shropshire, Wiltshire) were either created or enlarged at the start of the 2009-10 financial year, incorporating several smaller councils within the new unitary authority. For instance, Cheshire West and Chester was created incorporating the former councils – or ‘legacy authorities’ – of Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston and Vale Royal. Each of the new unitary authorities has been asked to provide data for their legacy authorities for 2008-09 in addition to their own data for 2009-10. Although some have been able to do this, others have either been unable to provide this data or have not specified results per each individual legacy authority. Where this has occurred, it has been made clear in the table in Appendix 2.
- Of the 407 councils in England, Scotland and Wales, 372 provided usable information included in this report. 35 councils failed to provide any information before the release of the report, despite having 27 working days in which to reply – a full 7 days over and above the statutory requirement of a 20 day response. The full list of councils that failed to respond to our Freedom of Information request is available in Appendix 3.

Guide to the Appendices

The Appendices to this note contain further details of *The Grim RIPA*:

- A table of the 15 councils with the highest number of RIPA authorisations in the period 2008 – 2010 can be found in Appendix 1.
- The full list of RIPA authorisations, including details and prosecutions, by local councils in England, Scotland and Wales is found in Appendix 2.
- The full list of councils that did not answer our FOI request, despite having 27 working days to respond, can be found in Appendix 3.
- The original FOI request as sent to all 407 local authorities in Great Britain is at Appendix 4.

Appendix 1

A table indicating the 15 local councils which authorised the most covert surveillance under RIPA in 2008-2010.

No.	Local Authority	RIPA authorisations 2008 - 2009	RIPA authorisations 2009 - 2010	Total number of uses of RIPA 2008 - 2010
1	Newcastle upon Tyne	183	48	231
2	West Berkshire	54	174	228
3	Walsall	119	96	215
4	Oxfordshire	80	112	192
5	Birmingham	81	95	176
6	Bromley	78	72	150
7	Salford	81	68	149
8	Hampshire	82	55	137
9	Kent	75	61	136
10	Sandwell	64	71	135
11	Durham	30	36	124
12	Wandsworth	51	69	120
13	Surrey	67	38	105
14	Camden	79	25	104
15	Liverpool	49	52	101

Appendix 2

The full list of RIPA authorisations, including details and prosecutions, by local councils in England and Wales, and RIPA authorisations in Scotland

Local Authority	2008 - 2009			2009 - 2010			Total number of uses of RIPA 2008 - 2010	Total number of RIPA prosecutions 2008 - 2010
	Number of uses of RIPA	Offences	Number of prosecutions	Number of uses of RIPA	Offences	Number of prosecutions		
ENGLAND and WALES (RIPA)								
Adur	3	3 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	1	1 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	4	n/a
Allerdale	8	1 - Ascertain if person is walking their dog cleaning up after it but then depositing poop bag in trees, grass or on road 1 - Ascertain if dog is allowed to stray and foul without being cleaned up after. Also to see if dog is wearing a collar and tag 2 - Ascertain if person is walking their dog and allowing it to foul without cleaning up 2 - Ascertain if dog is allowed to stray and foul without being cleaned up 2 - Alleged use of an unlicensed vehicle being used as a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire vehicle	0	0		0	8	0
Amber Valley	14	11 - Benefit fraud 2 - Offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 1 - Unlicensed private hire vehicle operation	4	4	4 - Benefit fraud	1	18	5
Anglesey	5	3 - Noise nuisance 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	0		0	5	n/a

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Arun	2	1 - Suspected gross misconduct by member of staff	0	1	1 - Suspected breach of court order	0	3	0
Ashfield	11	6 - Benefit fraud 5 - Anti-social behaviour	3	7	3 - Benefit fraud 2 - Licensing 2 - Anti-social behaviour	1	18	4
Ashford	6	5 - Benefit fraud 1 - Animal welfare	1	3	3 - Benefit fraud	0	9	1
Aylesbury Vale	0		0	1	1 - Under-18 year olds being tattooed	0	1	0
Babergh	3	2 - Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage 1 - Unlicensed private hire (taxi) operation	1	1	Noise nuisance	0	4	1
Barking and Dagenham	5	3 - Anti Social & Criminal Behaviour 1 - Theft 1 - Sale of Restricted Goods	0	3	3 - Anti Social & Criminal Behaviour	0	8	0
Barnet	1	1 - Benefit fraud	1	1	1 - Anti-social behaviour/criminal damage	0	2	1
Barrow-in-Furness	6	3 - Collect information on illegal fly tipping 2 - Collecting information on fly tipping of domestic and commercial waste 1 - Collecting information on breach of enforcement notice in respect of vehicle repair business	No information provided	5	1 - Malicious damage to allotment and property 2 - Collect information on illegal fly tipping 1 - Fly-tipping of plasterboard 1 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	11	n/a
Basildon	2	1 - Licensing for illegal plying for hire 1 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	1	1 - Licensing for illegal plying for hire	No information provided	3	n/a
Basingstoke	0		0	3	1 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Benefit fraud 1 - Private Hire Licensing	0	3	0
Bassetlaw	(2008)	Anti-social behaviour/crime	2	(2009) 30	Anti-social behaviour/crime	1	61	3

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	31							
Bath and North East Somerset	3	3 - Benefit fraud	0	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	4	0
Bedford <i>(Includes legacy authorities Bedford and Kempton)</i>	2	1 - Fly tipping 1 - Pay and Display Meters – broken into	No information provided	12	2 - Illegal sale of alcohol under age 2 - Anti- Social behaviour 2 - Counterfeit digital media 2 - Illegal sale of Tobacco under age 2 - Communication Data 2 - Noise nuisance	No information provided	14	n/a
Bexley	8	2 - Premises selling alcohol to children 1 - Adults are purchasing alcohol and selling it to children 1 - Vagrants are purchasing alcohol and selling it to children 1 - Licensed premises operating outside of permitted hours 1 - Disorder arising from customers smoking and drinking outside of licensed premises	No information provided	5	1 - Premises opening later than hours authorised in premises licence 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Breach of licence conditions by off licence 2 - Carrying out graffiti	No information provided	13	n/a
Birmingham	81	39 - Criminal Damage 25 - Money lending/laundrying 2 - Employee Surveillance 2 - Fly posting 2 - Insurance Claim 3 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Counterfeiting 2 - Other fraud criminal activities 4 - Fly-tipping 1 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	95	25 - Criminal Damage 8 - Money lending/laundrying 5 - Employee Surveillance 2 - Counterfeiting 4 - Other fraud criminal activities 9 - Fly-tipping 41 - Blue badge fraud 1 - Meat Trade	No information provided	176	n/a
Blaby	2	1 - Unlicensed taxi driver 1 - Criminal damage	0	1	1 - Criminal damage	0	3	0
Blackburn and Darwen	13	12 - Benefit fraud 1 - Breach of licensing regulations	2	7	6 - Benefit fraud 1 - Breach of licensing regulations	0	20	2

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Blaenau Gwent	3	2 - Fraud investigations 1 - Anti-social behaviour investigations	0	2	1 - Fraud investigations 1 - Ghost taxi investigations	5	0
Bolsover	5	1 - Noise nuisance 4 - Potential fraud	1	5	4 - Potential fraud 1 - Licensing matter	10	1
Boston	6	2 - Prove suspect had live-in partner 2 - Acts of anti-social behaviour 1 - Prove suspect was working 1 - Prove suspect was sub-letting	0	1	1 - Use of office for residential use	7	0
Bournemouth	9	6 - Benefit fraud 1 - Vehicles acting as Hackney Carriages 1 - Noise complaints 1 - Under-age sales	No information provided	8	3 - Benefit fraud 2 - Offences under Video Recordings Act 1984 2 - Under-age sales 1 - Breach of Licensing Conditions	17	n/a
Bracknell Forest	8	2 - Underage sales of cigarettes 1 - Fly-tipping 3 - Underage alcohol sales 2 - Underage sale of knives	0	5	1 - Fly-posting 3 - Underage alcohol sales 1 - Underage cigarette sales	13	0
Bradford	32	4 - Environmental protection 5 - Counter fraud investigations 4 - Planning 1 - Taxi licensing 18 - Audit	No information provided	13	2 - Environmental protection 3 - Counter fraud investigations 1 - Taxi licensing 7 - Audit	45	n/a
Braintree	2	1 - Noise nuisance 1 - Fly-tipping	1	1	1 - Alleged breach of The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	3	1
Brentwood	0		0	3	3 - Monitoring overcrowding at a Public House	3	0
Bridgend	29	18 - Housing Benefit Fraud Investigation 11 - Public Protection Trading Standards Investigation	No information provided	17	7 - Housing Benefit Fraud Investigation 10 - Public Protection Trading Standards Investigation	46	n/a

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Brighton and Hove	18	5 - Racial Harassment 2 - Housing Benefits Fraud 1 - Counterfeiting 1 - Child Protection 1 - Graffiti 2 - Anti Social Behaviour 6 - Access to Communications applications for rogue trading	No information provided	9	1 - Fly Tipping 2 - Racial Harassment 1 - Anti Social Behaviour 5 - Housing Benefit Fraud	No information provided	27	n/a
Bristol	16	No information provided	No information provided	13	No information provided	No information provided	29	n/a
Broadland	6	1 - Graffiti 3 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Benefit fraud	0	0		0	6	0
Bromley	78	5 - Door step selling and distribution offences 30 - Anti-social behaviour 4 - Illegally depositing waste 12 - Criminal damage 11 - Fly-tipping 3 - Alleged fraud 1 - Out of hours sales 2 - Rogue traders 3 - Underage sales of alcohol 5 - Graffiti 2 - Breaches of an ASBO	No information provided	72	1 - Benefit fraud 1 - Serious youth disorder 2 - Bogus builders targeting an elderly couple. 15 - Criminal damage 22 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Doorstep crime initiative 21 - Fly-tipping 1 - Sale of knives to under age children 6 - Sale of alcohol and tobacco to under age children 1 - Sale of fireworks to under age children	No information provided	150	n/a
Bromsgrove	2	2 - Benefit Fraud	1	1	1 - Benefit Fraud	0	3	1

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Broxbourne	10	5 - Fly-tipping 1 - Anti-social Behaviour 3 - Criminal damage 1 - Other	No information provided	6	2 - Criminal damage 4 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	16	n/a
Broxtowe	13	13 - Housing benefit fraud	0	14	14 - Housing benefit fraud	2	27	2
Buckinghamshire	38	Fly tipping Underage selling of alcohol/fireworks/knives/ tobacco Unroadworthy vehicle Adults buying for under aged children	7	36	Fly tipping Underage selling of alcohol	4	74	11
Burnley	11	2 - Noise nuisance 2 - Fly-tipping 5 - Criminal damage 2 - Anti-social behaviour	1	8	5 - Noise nuisance 3 - Fly-tipping	2	19	3
Bury	21	7 - Benefit fraud 1 - Fly-tipping 5 - Criminal damage and disorder 1 - Under-age sales of alcohol 1 - Illegal trade marks 2 - Harassment 1 - Under-age sales of fireworks 1 - Living together case 1 - Operating an illegal waste transfer station 1 - Illegal gambling den	No information provided	14	2 - Benefit fraud 3 - Under-age sales of knives 5 - Under-age sales of alcohol 1 - Under-age sales of cigarettes 1 - Burglary 2 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	35	n/a

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Caerphilly	27	3 - Investigation into potential fraudulent claims for Housing Benefit 10 - Investigation into possible fraudulent insurance claims against the Authority 1 - Investigation into illegally dumped waste 5 - Investigations into sale of alcohol to under 18 year olds 1 - Investigation into sales of illegally imported tobacco products 1 - Investigation into supply of counterfeit and pornographic DVD's. 1 - Investigation into potential offences under Consumer Credit Acts 1 - Investigation into unlicensed taxi driver 4 - Investigation into anti-social behaviour	No information provided	21	1 - Investigation into potential fraudulent claims for Housing Benefit 11 - Investigation into possible fraudulent insurance claims against the Authority 4 - Investigations into sale of alcohol to under 18 year olds 1 - Investigation into unlicensed taxi driver 2 - Investigations into potential breach of Licensing Act 2003 1 - Investigation into anti-social behaviour (housing) 1 - Investigation into "clocked" commercial vehicles	No information provided	48	n/a
Calderdale	3	2 - Alleged illegal slaughter of animals 1 - Alleged theft by employee	0	0		0	3	0
Cambridge	3	1 - Anti-social behaviour and criminal damage 2 - Allegation of intimidation and harassment	No information provided	1	1 - Investigate incidents of serious assault	No information provided	4	n/a
Cambridgeshire	3	1 - Breach of Condition Notice 2 - Illegal employment of school-aged children	2	5	2 - Breach of Conditions Notice 3 - Alleged counterfeiting/counterfeit goods	0	8	2

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Camden	79	69 - Anti Social Behaviour 1 - Licensing/Trading Standards 2 - Parking 1 - Housing benefits 4 - Licensing/Trading Standards 2 - Misuse of Resources/Theft	No information provided	25	22 - Anti Social Behaviour 1 - Parking 1 - Licensing/Trading Standards 1 - Housing Benefits	No information provided	104	n/a
Cannock Chase	5	1 - Unlicensed private hire operations 1 - Alleged verbal/racial abuse by taxi drivers 1 - Fly-tipping 3 - Illegal transport and keeping and disposal of waste on land	No information provided	4	2 - Flytipping, littering, transport of waste 1 - Dog fouling 1 - Failure to comply with a Pollution Prevention and Control permit	No information provided	9	n/a
Canterbury	4	4 - Preventing or detecting crime and disorder	1	0		0	4	1
Cardiff	(2008) 46	Trade Marks Consumer protection from Unfair Trading Regulations Trade Marks Anti social behaviour Benefit Fraud Illegal Money Lending	7	(2009/10) 26	Illegal money lending Anti social behaviour Fly tipping Food Legislation Trade Marks Act 1994 Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations	2	72	9
Carlisle	5	3 - Benefit fraud 1 - Unlicensed sex shop 1 - Unlicensed taxi	No information provided	12	11 - Benefit fraud 1 - Unlicensed tattooing	No information provided	17	n/a
Carmarthenshire	4	1 - Public car parking due to complaints of anti social behaviour 1 - Surveillance of an anti-social tenant 1 - Unlicensed sale of alcohol 1 - Illegal dumping of controlled waste	1	5	3 - Illegal dumping of controlled waste 2 - Surveillance of people selling cigarettes to children	0	9	1
Castle Point	22	No information provided	0	18	No information provided	0	40	0

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Central Bedfordshire	n/a		n/a	4	2 - Under-age purchasing 2 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	23	n/a
Bedfordshire County	0	No information provided	0	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a
Mid Bedfordshire	10	No information provided	1	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a
South Bedfordshire	9	No information provided	0	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a
Charnwood	4	3 - Benefits fraud 1 - Community safety	0	2	1 - Benefits fraud 1 - Community safety	0	6	0
Chelmsford	3	2 - Fly-tipping 1 - Breach of waste regulations	0	0		0	3	0
Cheltenham	2	2 - Benefit fraud	0	2	2 - Benefit fraud	0	4	0
Cherwell	0		0	4	2 - Benefits fraud 1 - Health and Safety 1 - Fly-tipping	0	4	0
Cheshire East	n/a	n/a	n/a	1	1 - Driving taxi without a license	0	37	n/a
Legacy authorities of Crewe & Nantwich, Congleton and Macclesfield	36	Noise nuisance Anti-social behaviour Benefit fraud	No information provided	n/a		n/a	n/a	n/a
Cheshire West and Chester	n/a	n/a	n/a	35	1 - Under age sales 3 - Noise nuisance 1 - Proxy alcohol purchasing 1 - Youth nuisance 7 - Doorstep crime 11 - Counterfeit goods 10 - Unlicensed taxis 1 - Undeclared car dealer	1	49	1

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Cheshire County Council	14	11 - Doorstep crime 1 - Misrepresentation of crime prevention products 2 - Counterfeit goods	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Chesterfield	3	3 - Benefit fraud	0	6	1 - Planning Enforcement Notice 1 - Benefit fraud 1 - Contraventions of Food Hygiene Regulations were being committed 2 - Fly-tipping 1 - Allegations of smoking in smoke-free premises	1	9	1
Chichester	16	5 - Hackney Carriage/Private Hire 2 - Fly-tipping 9 - Housing benefit	0	15	2 - Hackney Carriage/Private Hire 10 - Fly-tipping 3 - Housing benefit	0	31	0
Chiltern	0		0	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	1	0
Chorley	14	3 - Anti-Social Behaviour 1 - Fly Tipping 1 - Breach of Abatement Notice 5 - Criminal damage and Anti-Social Behaviour 2 - Littering 1 - Neighbourhood Nuisance/Noise 1 - Dog Fouling	0	5	1 - Noise nuisance 2 - Underage Alcohol sales 2 - Anti-Social Behaviour	1	19	1
Christchurch	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	0		0	1	0
City of London	0		0	1	1 - The prevention of theft of CoL property	0	1	0
City of York	18	2 - Employee fraud 5 - Trading standards 1 - Serving warrant 4 - Cowboy builders 2 - Fake goods 1 - Benefits fraud 3 - Child protection	No information provided	23	4 - Child protection 2 - Benefits fraud 12- Trading standards 2 - Fake goods 2 - Underage sales 1 - Sales of tobacco to underage children	No information provided	41	n/a
Colchester	0		0	0		0	0	0

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Conwy	7	5 - Fly-tipping 2 - Breach of abatement notice	0	2	1 - Alleged fraud 1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	9	0
Corby	2	No information provided	No information provided	1	No information provided	No information provided	3	n/a
Cornwall <i>(Includes legacy authorities Caradon, Carrick, Cornwall County, Kerrier, North Cornwall, Penwith and Restormel)</i>	19	2 - Environmental protection 2 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Authorisations relating to theft 1 - Authorisations relating to staffing issues 1 - Unlicensed houses in multiple occupation 1 - Animal health 1 - Trading standards 10 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	15	2 - Licensing contraventions including taxis and licensed premises 3 - Trading standards 10 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	34	n/a
Cotswold	1	1 - Breach of licensing conditions	0	0		0	1	0
Coventry	58	15 - Underage sales of alcohol 1 - Underage sales of knives 1 - Underage sales of tobacco 1 - Underage sales of fireworks 16 - Fly-tipping or other criminal activity 1 - Care workers meeting requirements 7 - Dog fouling 15 - Trading standards 1 - Benefit fraud	1	32	12 - Underage sales of alcohol 1 - Underage sales of knives 1 - Underage sales of tobacco 1 - Underage sales of fireworks 1 - Benefit fraud 16 - Trading standards	2	90	3
Craven	0		0	1	1 - Benefit fraud	1	1	1
Crawley	1	1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	1	1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	2	0

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Croydon	33	5 - Noise nuisance 2 - Fly-Posting 14 - Benefit fraud 9 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Unfair Trading Regulations 1 - Counterfeit goods	No information provided	15	2 - Fly-Tipping 6 - Benefit fraud 3 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Counterfeit goods 3 - Fraud Act & Unfair Trading Regulations	No information provided	48	n/a
Cumbria	6	2 - Counterfeiting offences 3 - Animal health biosecurity offences 1 - Animal welfare offences	No information provided	5	3 - Alleged fraud offences 2 - Underage sales	No information provided	11	n/a
Dacorum	16	3 - Illegal taxi/private hire incidents 5 - Fly tipping 8 - Anti-social behaviour	2	6	2 - Fly tipping 4 - Anti-social behaviour	0	22	2
Darlington	34	15 - Statutory noise nuisance 1 - Trading standards 5 - Underage sales 1 - Illegal storage/sale of fireworks 12 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	31	6 - Statutory noise nuisance 3 - Underage sales 5 - Anti-social behaviour 5 - Criminal damage 1 - Illegal waste disposal 1 - Duplicate car park passes 3 - Fly-tipping 1 - Dumping of controlled/trade waste 1 - Sales of 'clocked' cars 4 - Use of trade body logo without authorisation 1 - Misleading sale of second-hand cars in the course of trade/business	No information provided	65	n/a
Dartford	17	4 - Criminal damage 6 - Fly-tipping 3 - Anti social behaviour/damage covert camera 2 - Arson 2 - Offering vehicles for sale	8	8	5 - Anti social behaviour 3 - Fly tipping	7	25	15

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Daventry	0		0	1	No information provided	No information provided	1	n/a
Denbighshire	9	1 - Trade misuse 1 - Theft 1 - Criminal Damage 6 - Communications data	0	10	1 - Animal Welfare 1 - Theft 6 - Licensing 1 - Noise nuisance 1 - Public health offences	0	19	n/a
Derby	27	6 - Anti-social behaviour investigation 9 - Criminal damage investigation 5 - Monitoring city centre-based criminal activity 1 - Internal personnel investigation 1 - Dog fouling investigation 2 - Housing benefits fraud investigation 1 - Fly-tipping investigation 1 - CCTV city centre-based monitoring of drug activity 1 - Investigation into trade in counterfeit tobacco	No information provided	5	2 - Criminal damage investigation 2 - Internal personnel investigation 1 - Dog fouling investigation	No information provided	32	n/a
Derbyshire	(2008) 24	No information provided	No information provided	(2009/10) 17	No information provided	No information provided	35	n/a
Derbyshire Dales	7	7 - Housing benefits investigations	No information provided	5	2 - Housing Benefit investigations 3 - Fly tipping	No information provided	12	0

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Devon	21	13 - Supply of Counterfeit Goods 6 - Doorstep trader activity 1 - Product Safety investigations 1 - Misdescriptions of Goods or Services	No information provided	19	7 - Supply of Counterfeit Goods 11 - Doorstep trader activity 1 - Misdescriptions of Goods or Services	No information provided	40	20
Doncaster	16	1 - Fly tipping 1 - Counterfeit goods 1 - Illegal street trading 1 - Theft by employee 2 - Benefit fraud 9 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Child protection issue	No information provided	6	3 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Underage sales of tobacco and alcohol 1 - Child protection matter	No information provided	22	n/a
Dorset	1	1 - Sale of alcohol to underage persons in licensed premises	2	0		0	1	2
Dover	8	5 - Benefit fraud 1 - Theft from offices 2 - Fly-tipping	0	5	3 - Benefit fraud 1 - Illegal selling 1 - Fly-tipping	0	13	0
Dudley	27	7 - Benefit fraud 14 - Selling alcohol to under 18s 2 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Selling of fireworks to under 18s 2 - Selling tobacco to under 18s	No information provided	14	6 - Benefit fraud 8 - Selling alcohol to under 18s	No information provided	41	n/a
Durham	30	11 - Video recording Test purchase 7 - Alcohol Test purchase 3 - Counterfeit Operation 2 - Loan sharks 2 - Coal Deliveries 5 - Tobacco Test purchase	No information provided	36	11 - Tobacco Test purchase 19 - Alcohol Test purchase 1 - Anti Social Behaviour Observation 1 - Counterfeit Operation 1 - Intelligence re Coal Traders 1 - Child Safeguarding Issue 1 - Unlicensed Hackney Carriage 1 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	114	n/a

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Chester-le-Street	10	2 - Anti-Social Behaviour 6 - Benefit fraud 1 - Undeclared hackney vehicle 1 - Non compliance with Planning Enforcement Notice	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Durham City	0		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Derwentside	3	1 - Anti-Social Behaviour 2 - Benefit fraud	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Easington	12	2 - Anti-Social Behaviour 10 - Illegal taxis	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sedgefield	23	24 - Anti-Social Behaviour 5 - Benefit fraud 1 - Drug use 2 - Property damage 1 - Vehicle Damage	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teesdale	0		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wear Valley	0		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ealing	10	3 - Sale of counterfeit goods 1 - Fly-tipping 3 - ASB and vandalism on housing estate 1 - ASB, vandalism and fly-tipping 2 - Commercial fly-tipping	4	6	1 - Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), drug distribution and misuse on housing estate 3 - ASB and vandalism on housing estate 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Sale of alcohol outside of trading hours	1	16	5
East Cambridgeshire	0		0	1	1 - Benefit fraud Investigation	1	1	1
East Devon	1	1 - Allegation of staff absence from duty	0	0		0	1	0
East Dorset	0		0	1	1 - Housing Benefit investigation	0	1	0
East Hampshire	3	2 - Benefit fraud 1 - Noise nuisance	0	0		0	3	0

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East Hertfordshire	9	5 - Anti-social Criminal Behaviour 1 - Graffiti 3 - Fly-tipping	0	13	4 - Anti-social Criminal Behaviour 3 - Criminal damage 2 - Malicious Emails 4 - Fly-tipping	1	22	1
East Lindsey	1	1 - Environmental Protection Offences	0	0		0	1	0
East Northamptonshire	0		0	6	3 - Benefit Fraud 2 - Fly-tipping 1 - House in Multiple Occupation	0	6	n/a
East Riding	17	10 - Anti Social Behaviour 5 - Benefit Fraud 1 - Possible Theft (stock shortages) 1 - Trading of meat products with false identifying marks	No information provided	26	17 - Anti Social Behaviour 7 - Benefit Fraud 1 - Possible Theft (stock shortages) 1 - Using a private hire vehicle without a licence	No information provided	43	n/a
East Staffordshire	11	Benefit fraud Anti-social behaviour (criminal damage) Fly-tipping Licensing	2	7	Anti-social behaviour (criminal damage) Fly-tipping Licensing	2	18	4
East Sussex	6	2 - Test purchasing of age restricted products 2 - Counterfeiting 1 - Package travel offences 1 - Trader masquerading as a private seller	1	10	5 - Test purchasing of age restricted products 2 - Counterfeiting 2 - Fraud 1 - Failure to give cancellation rights	2	16	3
Eastbourne	0		0	1	1 - Benefit fraud Investigation	1	1	1
Eden	4	3 - Benefit fraud 1 - Illegal pet sales	1	2	1 - Benefit fraud 1 - Illegal use of a vehicle as a taxi	0	6	1
Elmbridge	1	1 - Investigate suspected fraud in a claim for housing benefit	0	1	1 - Investigate potential irregularities in a Council contract	0	2	0

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Enfield	19	4 - Fly-tipping 8 - Knife/alcohol/cigarette sales to underage children 1 - Disability facilities grant 2 - Under Trades Description Act 2 - Noise nuisance/ ASB matter 1 - Unlawful waste storage 1 - Selling of un-roadworthy and misdescribed vehicle	2	17	1 - Offences under Town and Country Planning Act 1 - Trades Description Act 4 - Sale of Counterfeit Goods 2 - benefit fraud 8 - Fly-tipping 1 - Offences under Proceeds of Crime Act.	2	36	4
Epping Forest	1	1 - Unlicensed taxi drivers	0	0		0	1	0
Epsom and Ewell	1	1 - Noise nuisance	0	11	11 - Benefit fraud	1	12	1
Erewash	17	17 - Benefit fraud investigations 1 - Investigation of a barking dog	No information provided	5	5 - Benefit fraud investigations	0	22	0
Essex	50	No information provided	No information provided	18	No information provided	No information provided	68	n/a
Exeter	1	1 - Employees falsifying their time and recording devices	0	1	1 - Employees falsifying their time and recording devices	0	2	0
Fareham	(2008) 28	16 - Benefit fraud 2 - Housing fraud 10 - Regulatory services	No information provided	(2009/10) 48	32 - Benefit fraud 14 - Regulatory services 1 - Trade waste 1 - Planning enforcement	No information provided	76	n/a
Fenland	5	1 - Licensing investigation 4 - Benefit fraud	1	5	1 - Suspected fraud 4 - Benefit fraud	0	10	1
Flintshire	7	7 - Benefit fraud investigation	0	1	1 - Selling of counterfeit goods	1	8	1

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Forest Heath	10	1 - Fly Tipping 8 - Noise nuisance 1 - Benefit fraud	1	7	5 - Noise nuisance 2 - Benefit fraud	0	17	1
Forest of Dean	2	2 - Benefit fraud investigations	0	8	8 - Benefit fraud investigations	0	10	0
Fylde	1	1 - Benefits fraud	0	0		0	1	0
Gateshead	13	9 - Benefit Fraud 4 - Environmental Act offences	1	20	4 - Benefit Fraud 16 - Trading Standards/Licensing offences	4	33	5
Gedling	(2008) 12	4 - Anti social behaviour 1 - Investigation of repeated incidents of criminal damage 1 - Establish the identities of those causing alleged criminal damage and an arson attack 1 - Investigation of incidents of harassment and racial abuse 5 - To obtain information and unbiased evidence of instances of criminal damage	0	(2009/10) 12	1 - To collect evidence that a named individual is fraudulently claiming benefits 8 - Investigation of incidents of criminal damage 3 - Anti social behaviour	0	24	0
Gloucester	0		0	0		0	0	0
Gloucestershire	19	1 - Trade Marks Act offences 2 - Breaches of ban to keep cattle 15 - Benefit fraud 1 - Illegal movement of sheep	1	16	2 - Counterfeit goods 2 - Breaches of ban to keep cattle 1 - Alleged illegal tailgating of animals on highway 2 - Illegal dumping of animal carcasses 4 - Illegal sale of alcohol 1 - Illegal sale of cigarettes 1 - Illegal sale of knives 2 - illegal sale of fireworks 1 - Illegal movement of pigs	3	35	4
Gosport	0		0	0		0	0	0
Gravesham	4		0	2		0	6	0

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Great Yarmouth	8	4 - Fly-tipping 1 - Illegal tattooing 3 - Housing benefit fraud	0	0		0	8	0
Guildford	6	6 - Benefit fraud	0	5	4 - Benefit fraud 1 - Animal welfare/enforcement	0	11	0
Gwynedd	20	20 - Benefit Fraud Investigations	2	7	4 - Benefit Fraud Investigations 3 - Fly Tipping	0	27	2
Hackney	0		0	10	8 - Blue badge fraud 1 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Fraud/financial irregularities	No information provided	10	n/a
Hambleton	2	1 - Investigation into noise from public house 1 - Investigation into employee falsely claiming to be sick	0	0		0	2	0
Hammersmith and Fulham	14	7 - Anti Social Behaviour 4 - Disorder and public nuisance 1 - Thief in Council building 1 - Council employee claiming to be medically unfit to attend duties 1 - Council employee suspected of benefit fraud	No information provided	40	17 - Anti Social Behaviour 6 - Illegally parking using a blue badge. 3 - Noise nuisance 2 - Threats of violence to council tenant 2 - Disorder and public nuisance 6 - Drug dealing/use 1 - Criminal Damage. 1 - Fraud investigation. 1 - Breach of bail conditions 1 - Underage sale of alcohol	No information provided	54	n/a
Hampshire	82	No information provided	No information provided	55	No information provided	No information provided	137	n/a

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Haringey	14	1 - Brothel in operation 1 - Class A Drug Use 1 - Known gang member intimidating elderly tenants 1 - Youths smashing the windows of special needs class on a regular basis 3 - Drug dealing 4 - Fly-tipping 1 - Street drinking 1 - Fraudulent copies of Electrical Installation certificates 1 - Class A Taking & Prostitution	8	1	1 - Drug dealing	0	15	8
Harlow	7	1 - Graffiti 5 - Nuisance neighbour 1 - Anti-social behaviour	1	3	2 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Fly-tipping	0	10	1
Harrogate	0		0	0		0	0	0
Harrow	2	2 - Obtain evidence as a result of suspicion of serious fraud	1	0		0	2	1
Hart	4	1 - Monitoring of pedestrians and delivery vehicles 'In The Interests Of Public Safety' 1 - Numerous complaints of public nuisance and disorder outside licensed premises 1 - Investigating unlicensed taxis are picking up passengers from railway station 1 - To gather evidence that a taxi was still being used as a hackney carriage and whether or not the driver was a licensed driver or not	No information provided	5	1 - Identify and arrest persons responsible for attaching a card skimming device on an ATM cash machine 1 - Investigation into a licensed premises operating outside their permitted hours 1 - Investigation of alleged noise nuisance 1 - Purpose for authorisation not given 1 - Investigation into a licensed premises operating outside their permitted hours	No information provided	9	n/a

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Hartlepool	17	7 - Dog fouling 5 - Anti-social Behaviour 4 - Illegal deposits of waste 1 - Theft	6	3	2 - Anti-social Behaviour 1 - Illegal deposits of waste	0	20	6
Hastings	22	18 - Dog Fouling 4 - Fly tipping/General Litter	No information provided	0		0	22	n/a
Havant	5	2 - Suspected benefit fraud 2 - Fly-tipping in a public place 1 - Suspected taxi licence offences	0	4	1 - Fly-tipping in a public open space 1 - Anti-social behaviour/criminal damage in a public park 1 - Suspected benefit fraud 1 - Fly-tipping in a public car park	0	9	0
Havering	14	1 - Fly-tipping 11 - Under-age sales 1 - Graffiti 1 - Fraud	No information provided	14	2 - Fraud 1 - Fly-tipping 11 - Under-age sales	No information provided	28	n/a
Herefordshire	4	3 - Underage sale of alcohol 1 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	3	2 - Underage sale of alcohol 1 - Criminal damage	No information provided	7	n/a

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Hertfordshire	(2008) 14	2 - Check for ticket sales 2 - Check for false statements in advert 8 - Check for doorstep tradesman 1 - Check for trade ass membership 1 - Check for misdescription of locksmith service	No information provided	(2009/10) 43	1 - Protection of vulnerable persons investigation 26 - Underage sales 2 - Intellectual property Investigation 2 - Misdescribed vehicle investigation 1 - Misleading car matching investigation 1 - Details for misdescribed 7 - Doorstep tradesman investigation 1 - Check for sales of misdescribed telephone equipment 1 - Check for illegal landing of dog investigation 1 - Check for one day sale investigation	No information provided	57	n/a
Hertsmere	1	1 - Fly-tipping	0	1	1 - Fly-tipping	0	2	0
High Peak	9	8 - Benefit fraud 1 - Fraud against council by council employees	0	3	3 - Benefit fraud	0	12	0
Hillingdon	16	3 - Anti-Social behaviour experienced at a particular residence 4 - Anti-Social behaviour towards a family 2 - Under-age alcohol sales 2 - Anti-Social behaviour 1 - Benefit Fraud 1- Insurance Fraud 1 - Sale of Counterfeit Goods 2 - Fraudulent Sales	0	5	2 - Anti-Social behaviour 2 - Fraudulent Sales 1 - Benefit Fraud	0	21	0
Hinckley and Bosworth	3	3 - Investiagtions for alleged Noise Nuisance	0	6	4 - Investiagtions for alleged Noise Nuisance 1 - To gather information on the unaurthorised development of land by travellers 1 - Use of covert camera to record alleged antisocial behavior	0	9	0
Horsham	2	2 - Noise nuisance	0	0		0	2	0

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Huntingdonshire	1	1 - Noise nuisance	0	2	2 - Benefit fraud	1	3	1
Hyndburn	39	33 - Housing Benefit/Council Tax investigations 6 - Fly-tipping	2	33	32 - Housing Benefit/Council Tax investigations 1 - Dog fouling	2	72	4
Ipswich	9	4 - Deployment of CCTV through Community Safety Unit for reassurance purposes 4 - Housing Benefit investigations 1 - Internal investigations	2	9	3 - Deployment of CCTV through Community Safety Unit for reassurance purposes 4 - Housing Benefit investigations 1 - Suspected credit card fraud 1 - Fly-tipping	2	18	4
Isle of Scilly	0		0	0		0	0	0
Isle of Wight	17	5 - Benefit fraud 12 - Trading standards	1	3	3 - Benefit fraud	1	20	2
Islington	38	19 - Anti-social behaviour 6 - Housing benefits investigation 8 - Directed surveillance aimed at motorists illegally using disabled blue badge 1 - Gambling act investigation 1 - Drinking in the street 1 - Underage drinking 1 - Public nuisance 1 - Cerberus security services	7	34	3 - Housing benefit fraud 11 - Anti social behaviour 1 - Criminal damage 2 - Illegal installation/use of transmission equipment 9 - Abuse of blue badge scheme 2 - Fly tipping 5 - Underage sales 1 - Graffiti and hate crime	No information provided	72	7
Kensington and Chelsea	21	5 - Test purchase of restricted goods 1 - Breach of premises closure order 11 - Disabled badge fraud 1 - Disabled benefits fraud 2 - Housing benefit fraud 1 - Illegal repair of autos in the street	No information provided	10	3 - Residential parking permit fraud 5 - Breach of premises license 1 - Fly tipping 1 - Illegal waste disposal	No information provided	31	n/a

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Kent	75	6 - Doorstep crime 9 - Roadside car sales 1 - Unauthorised use of logo 1 - Investigation of proper bonding 8 - Investigation of counterfeit goods 26 - Observation in relation to underage sales test purchase 1 - Safety investigation 7 - Cold callers identification of Trader 1 - Email address of Trader 1 - Investigation concerning illegal landing of an animal 14 - Fly-tipping	4	61	20 - Doorstep Crime 8 - Fly tipping 9 - Investigation of supply of counterfeit goods 68 - Observation in relation to underage sales test purchase 4 - Investigation into credit offences 1 - Investigation of unauthorised use of logo 1 - Investigation of claims of membership to organisation 2 - Investigation of marketing scam 5 - Roadside cars 1 - Investigation of car sales 1 - Possible illegal movement of livestock 1 - Doorstep caller 3 - Sale of unsafe goods 1 - Investigation into Travellers	5	136	9
Kettering	0		0	0		0	0	0
Kingston upon Hull	43	Underage sale of alcohol Litter/fly tipping Taxi licensing Trading standards Anti social behaviour issues	No information provided	42	Underage sale of alcohol Litter/fly tipping Taxi licensing Trading standards Anti social behaviour issues	No information provided	85	n/a
Kingston upon Thames	0		0	0		0	0	0
Kirklees	17	15 - Anti-Social Behaviour 2 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	8	6 - Anti-Social Behaviour 1 - Illegal operation of food premises 1 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	25	n/a

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Knowsley	3	2 - Anti Social Behaviour 1 - Noise Nuisance	No information provided	19	7 - Alleged benefits fraud 1 - Alleged fraud by an employee 2 - Cases anti-social behaviour 5 - Test purchasing at off licence premises to determine whether alcohol is being sold to minors 2 - Fly-tipping 2 - Noise nuisance	No information provided	22	n/a
Lambeth	11	10 - Disabled badge misuse and fraud 1 - Internal staff investigations	No information provided	17	16 - Disabled badge misuse and fraud 1 - Housing benefit fraud	No information provided	28	16
Lancashire	(2008) 7	2 - Trade Descriptions in respect of cars 1 - Trade Marks Act (counterfeit goods) 1 - False information on car parts 2 - Criminal damage to bus shelters 1 - Over-claiming of hours by a passenger assistant	No information provided	(2009/10) 91	1 - Alleged reduced mileage on cars prior to sale 2 - Animal welfare issues 1 - Trader selling unsafe electrical items 2 - Counterfeit items 2 - Vandalism at a bus shelter in Lancaster 40 - Applications for communications data since January 2009 30 - Requests related to Doorstep crime issues 12 - Car traders who had sold mis-described or unroadworthy vehicles 1 - Illegal animal gathering and sale in East Lancashire	No information provided	98	n/a
Lancaster	6	4 - Alleged Noise Nuisances 1 - Alleged Vehicle Damage 1 - Access to email accounts to gain information in support of an internal investigation	0	2	1 - Alleged Noise Nuisances 1 - Suspected Benefit Fraud	0	8	0

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Leeds	13	10 - Fly-tipping 3 - Graffiti	5	10	7 - Fly-tipping 1 - Illegal foot/meat processing plant 1 - Thefts from office 1 - Graffiti	5	23	10
Leicester	24	1 - Production, sale and supply of counterfeit DVDs and money laundering 1 - Regular graffiti attack in the toilet block of a public park 1 - Manufacturing of counterfeit garments and employing illegal immigrants 2 - Theft from pay and display parking machines 2 - Benefit fraud 1 - Extremely vulnerable victim who has been forced on numerous occasions to pay considerable sums of money to the suspects 1 - Threat of damage to the property of an old and vulnerable couple by rogue trader 1 - Trespass, criminal damages and public disorder at a demolishing site 5 - Establish the availability and suppliers of counterfeit and contraband tobacco products 9 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	17	1 - Verbal abuse and damage to the complainants property 2 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Regular graffiti damage 1 - Elderly and vulnerable victim of doorstep crime to an investment scheme 1 - ASB coming from resident of a particular property, which includes large amounts of foot traffic throughout the day and night, alleged drug dealing and intimidation from visitors 3 - Sale of counterfeit goods 6 - Fly-tipping 1 - Rogue trader continually harassing and threatening victim for more money even though initial agreed price was paid in full	No information provided	41	n/a
Lewes	2	2 - Benefit fraud 5 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	0		0	7	n/a

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Lewisham	19	2 - Allowing repairs to be carried out on the public highway on a regular basis 1 - Counterfeiting offences under the Trade Marks Act 1984 1 - Investigation into the abuse\neglect of a child 15 - Related to offences investigated by Trading standards including counterfeiting	No information provided	23	1 - Investigation into the abuse\neglect of a child. 1 - Unlawful use of a blue badge. 1 - Counterfeiting offences under the Trade Marks Act 1984. 1 - Fraudulent application for Social Care services. 2 - Cases related to offences investigated by Trading Standards including counterfeiting 17 - Benefit and housing fraud investigations	No information provided	42	n/a
Lichfield	7	6 - Fly-tipping 1 - Dog fouling	2	2	2 - Fly-tipping	0	9	1
Lincoln	6	1 - Flytipping 4 - Benefit Fraud 1 - Health & Safety at work breach	1	1	1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	7	1
Lincolnshire	11	4 - Counterfeit goods investigation 4 - Arson investigation 2 - Breach of planning enforcement 1 - Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations	No information provided	10	1 - Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 1 - Surveillance on employee 1 - Breach of planning enforcement 2 - Counterfeit goods investigation 5 - Age restricted goods investigation	No information provided	21	n/a
Liverpool	49	Anti-Social Behaviour Sale of Goods to Underage Youths Fly-tipping Counterfeit Goods Surveillance of Crime Wardens Misrepresentation Fraudulent Doorstep Sales Child at risk issue Benefit Fraud	8	52	Anti-Social Behaviour Sale of Goods to Underage Youths Fly-tipping Counterfeit Goods Surveillance of Crime Wardens Misrepresentation Fraudulent Doorstep Sales Child at risk issue Benefit Fraud	21	101	29

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Luton	19	15 - Anti-social Criminal Behaviour 2 - Housing benefit fraud 2 - Criminal attempts to gain access to Council communication systems	0	19	9 - Crime and disorder 1 - Unfair trading 5 - Test purchases for age restricted products 1 - Benefit fraud 1 - Illegally imported dog 1 - Vehicles being displayed for sale on the highway 1 - Fraud involving council equipment	1	38	1
Maidstone	3	1 - Criminal damage and theft 1 - Benefits fraud 1 - Criminal damage and disorder	0	1	1 - Theft	0	4	0
Maldon	3	1 - Use of unlicensed taxi and driver 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Dog fouling investigation	0	0		0	3	0
Malvern Hills	5	4 - Fly-tipping 1 - Vandalism	0	3	1 - Noise nuisance 1 - Underage drinking 1 - Theft from Council dept	0	8	0
Mansfield	10	4 - Anti-social behaviour 6 - Benefit fraud	1	14	4 - Anti-social behaviour 10 - Benefit fraud	0	24	1
Medway	17	Benefit fraud Internal fraud Sales of unlawful goods at local boot fairs Under age test purchase - sale of alcohol Under age test purchase - sale of tobacco Under age test purchase - sale of fireworks Under age test purchase - other age restricted products Fly-tipping Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	17	Under age test purchase - sale of alcohol Test sale of stall set up within shopping centre Under age test purchase - sale of tobacco Surveillance of vehicle repairs on the public highway Fly-tipping Anti-social behaviour Surveillance of land used for incineration of waste	No information provided	34	n/a
Melton	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	0		0	1	0

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Mendip	0		0	2	1 - Monitoring a potential breach of a Notice served under the Control of Pollution Act 1974 1 - Fly-tipping	0	2	0
Merthyr Tydfil	19	9 - Counterfeiting/underage sales 8 - Benefit Fraud 1 - Licensing 1 - Littering	No information provided	14	10 - Counterfeiting/underage sales 4 - Benefit Fraud	No information provided	33	n/a
Merton	15	4 - Fly-tipping 1 - Fraud Act 1 - Business Names Act 7 - Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 1 - Graffiti 1 - Smoke free legislation	8	9	3 - Flytipping 1 - Consumer Protection Regulations 1 - Licensing Act 2003 3 - Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 1 - Test Purchase	20	24	28
Mid Devon	14	14 - Housing benefit fraud	3	3	2 - Housing benefit fraud 1 - Potential fraud under the Fraud Act 2006	0	17	3
Mid Suffolk	3	3 - Benefit fraud	0	2	2 - Benefit fraud	0	5	0
Mid Sussex	1	1 - Investigation into benefits fraud	No information provided	1	1 - Investigation into benefits fraud	No information provided	2	n/a
Milton Keynes	18	2 - Taxis plying for hire without insurance 1 - Surveillance of an Employee 1 - Surveillance and test purchasing of taxis 2 - Fly-tipping 11 - Surveillance of targeted areas in the council	No information provided	22	3 - Taxis plying for hire without insurance 4 - Fly-tipping 1 - Dog fouling 3 - Underage sales test purchasing 1 - Benefit fraud 2 - ASB and criminal activity 8 - Surveillance of targeted areas in council	No information provided	40	n/a

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Mole Valley	8	6 - Fly tipping 1 - Benefit fraud 1 - Tampering with car park machines	0	6	1 - Benefit fraud 1 - Graffiti 1 - Potential arson 3 - Fly-tipping	0	14	0
Neath Port Talbot	9	3 - Housing Benefit 1 - Health & Safety 4 - Underage Sales 1 - Counterfeiting	0	12	6 - Housing Benefit 4 - Underage sales 2 - Counterfeiting	0	21	0
New Forest	(2008) 13	4 - False Accounting 7 - Benefit Fraud 1 - Public Health & Community Safety ASB 1 - Environment Services	0	(2009/10) 9	2 - False Accounting 3 - Benefit Fraud 1 - False Accounting ASB 2 - Public Health & Community Safety ASB 1 - Environment Services	0	22	0
Newark and Sherwood	7	2 - Benefit fraud investigation 2 - Use of vehicle as unlicensed hackney carriage 1 - Use for business purposes without planning permission 1 - Noise nuisance 1 - Benefit fraud investigation	No information provided	4	1 - Benefit fraud investigation 1 - Underage drinking and anti-social behaviour 1 - Noise nuisance 1 - Possible sale of alcohol to under 18s	No information provided	11	n/a
Newcastle upon Tyne	183	78 - DAT Recorders 6 - Benefit Fraud 30 - Anti-Social Behaviour/Criminal Damage/Tenancy Conditions 19 - Car Parking Offences 4 - Fly Tipping 44 - Liquor Licensing Offences 2 - Suspected theft of Council property	No information provided	48	3 - Benefit Fraud 34 - Anti-Social Behaviour/Criminal Damage/Tenancy Conditions 5 - Car Parking Offences 2 - Fly Tipping 2 - Suspected Illegal Money Lending 1 - Suspected Witness Intimidation 1 - Suspected theft of Council property	No information provided	231	n/a

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Newcastle-under-Lyme	19	2 - Benefit fraud 4 - Taxi enforcement 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Anti-social behaviour/suspected breaches of acceptable behaviour contracts 3 - Employee related issues 8 - Licensing contraventions	5	1	1 - Employment related issues	0	20	5
Newham	18	Suspicion of taking bribes Under age sales of restricted goods Suspected persistent breach of court injunction Rogue traders and car clocking	No information provided	25	Suspicion of taking bribes Under age sales of restricted goods Suspected persistent breach of court injunction Rogue traders and car clocking	No information provided	43	n/a
Newport	14	5 - Housing Benefit/Council Tax fraud 4 - Anti Social Behaviour 2 - Fly Tipping 2 - Theft 1 - Dog fouling	No information provided	20	12 - Housing Benefit/Council Tax fraud 6 - Anti Social Behaviour 2 - Fly Tipping/Dumping of waste	No information provided	34	n/a
Norfolk	(2008) 25	2 - Benefit fraud 4 - Animal Welfare offences 9 - Unclassified DVDs 7 - Unsafe toys 3 - Goods with false trade marks	10	(2009/10) 27	3 - Identify the sellers of age restricted alcohol 5 - Unclassified DVDs 6 - Counterfeit goods – particularly clothing and personal accessories 2 - Falsely described goods at one day sale 8 - Monitor the safety of young people involved in operations to check the sale of age restricted goods 1 - Trader failing to give statutory information to buyers 2 - Un-roadworthy cars	11	52	21
North Devon	4	4 - Crime and benefit fraud	1	5	5 - Crime and benefit fraud	0	9	1
North Dorset	1	1 - Benefit fraud Investigation	0	1	1 - Benefit fraud Investigation	1	2	1

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North East Lincolnshire	11	6 - Noise monitoring 2 - Benefit fraud 1 - Anti-social behaviour/criminal damage 1 - Licensing (premises licence conditions) 1 - Trading standards (counterfeit goods)	No information provided	23	6 - Noise monitoring 4 - Anti-social behaviour/criminal damage 8 - Licensing (premises licence conditions) 5 - Trading standards (illegal tobacco sales)	No information provided	34	n/a
North Hertfordshire	(2008) 9	4 - Benefit fraud 2 - Fly-tipping 3 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	(2009/10) 2	1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	11	n/a
North Kesteven	19	15 - Anti Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage 1 - Benefits Fraud 1 - Planning Enforcement (unlawful display of advertisements) 2 - Fly Tipping and Waste Enforcement	0	14	10 - Anti Social Behaviour and Criminal Damage 1 - Licensing (Unlicensed Private Hire Vehicles) 3 - Fly Tipping and Waste Enforcement	1	33	1
North Norfolk	7	1 - Littering 1 - Criminal Damage 1 - Benefits fraud 1 - Smoking in smoke-free premises 2 - Flytipping 1 - Anti social behaviour	1	1	1 - Littering (renewed authorisation)	1	8	2
North Somerset	8	No information provided	No information provided	8	No information provided	No information provided	16	n/a

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North Tyneside	12	11 - Anti Social Behaviour 1 - Benefit Fraud	No information provided	14	11 - Anti Social Behaviour 3 - Fly Tipping	No information provided	26	n/a
North Warwickshire	0		0	1	1 - Suspected breach of planning enforcement notice	0	1	0
North West Leicestershire	1	1 - Fly-tipping	0	4	2 - Licensing 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Housing benefit - fraud	0	5	0
North Yorkshire	15	1 - Sale of counterfeit DVDs & CDs 1 - Fraud in connection with sale of internet domain names 7 - Sale/possession for sale of counterfeit clothing 2 - Sale of counterfeit pin badges 1 - False statements in connection with sale of land 1 - Possession/custody of livestock while under 10 year ban 1 - False statements and breach of credit regulations in connection with sale of cars 1 - Breach of copyright on educational material	4	13	1 - Sale/possession for sale of counterfeit clothing 4 - False statements in connection with sale of land 2 - Sale/supply of alcohol to under 18s 1 - Fraud/false statements in connection with sales of jewellery 4 - Fraud/false statements in connection with sales of cars 1 - Sale of counterfeit DVDs	0	28	4
Northampton	0		0	0		0	0	0
Northamptonshire	11	5 - Counterfeit goods 1 - Itinerant seller of counterfeit DVD's 2 - Arson prevention/detection 1 - Fraud re: safety course fee 1 - Detection of arson 1 - Food fraud	6	4	3 - Supply of illicit alcohol, tobacco 1 - Supply of clocked car and forget MOT certificate	1	15	7

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North-East Derbyshire	3	3 - Benefit Fraud	0	4	1 - Fly-tipping 2 - Benefit fraud 1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	7	0
Northumberland	9	7 - Offences under Trade Description Act 1968 1 - Theft of goods 1 - Pecuniary advantage by deception	1	25	18 - Offences under Trade Description Act 1968 5 - Fly-tipping 1 - Under age sales of alcohol 1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	34	1
Nottingham City	23	Illegal money lending Anti-Graffiti Fly-tipping Sale of counterfeit goods	No information provided	38	Illegal money lending Anti-Graffiti Fly-tipping Sale of counterfeit goods	No information provided	61	n/a
Nottinghamshire	26	17 - Counterfeit goods investigations/misleading advertising/Business Names Act 1 - Alleged sale of alcohol to under 18s 5 - Alleged sale of alcohol to under 18s 1 - Identification of defendant 2 - Children and Young Peoples Department investigation in relation to child care proceedings	No information provided	42	38 - Counterfeit goods investigations/misleading advertising/Business Names Act 1 - Identify individuals carrying our fraud on businesses 1 - Alleged sale of cigarettes to under 18s 2 - Children and Young Peoples Department investigation in relation to child care proceedings	No information provided	68	n/a
Nuneaton and Bedworth	5	3 - Health Act 2006 (smoking legislation) 2 - Benefit fraud	1	0		0	5	1
Oadby & Wigston	0		0	0		0	0	0
Oldham	23	17 - Noise nuisance investigations 4 - Fraud investigations 1 - Fly tipping investigations 1 - Counterfeiting investigations	0	23	10 - Noise nuisance investigations 1 - Fraud investigations 2 - Consumer protection investigations 2 - Licensing investigations 8 - Waste investigations	2	46	2

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Oxford	6	6 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	6	6 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	12	n/a
Oxfordshire	80	1 - Suggested breach of Court Order relating to child protection 1 - To identify a rogue trader obtaining money from a vulnerable person 2 - Alleged illegal sales and storage of fireworks 15 - Test purchasing of underage sales of alcohol 44 - Test purchasing of underage sales of knives 1 - To ascertain evidence of trading name 10 - Doorstep crime 4 - Internet domain name scam 2 - Website failing to include required info	No information provided	112	97 - Test purchasing of underage sales 1 - Investigation into money laundering offences 5 - Underage sales of ciagrettes from vending machines in pub 1 - To establish residence and trading and operating 1 - Offences under Consumer Protection Regs 1 - Surveillance to establish if illegal activities are taking place 6 - Doorstep crime	No information provided	192	n/a
Pembrokeshire	0		0	2	1 - Investigation into whether subject was in breach of a Court Order disqualifying that person from the custody of any animal 1 - Suspected unlicensed credit trading	0	2	0
Pendle	2	2 - Benefit fraud	0	2	2 - Benefit fraud	0	4	0
Peterborough	3	2 - Trading Standards issue Access to Communications Data 1 - Anti Social Behaviour Surveillance	No information provided	6	1 - Corporate Fraud Surveillance 1 - Trading Standards issue Access to Communications Data 4 - Test Purchasing Surveillance	No information provided	9	n/a

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Plymouth	12	9 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Housing benefit 1 - Trading standards	1	2	1 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Housing benefit	0	14	1
Poole	4	1 - Record noise disturbance caused by delivery drivers delivering to a fast-food outlet 3 - Anti-social behaviour investigations	No information provided	1	1 - Record noise disturbance caused by delivery drivers delivering to a fast-food outlet	No information provided	5	n/a
Portsmouth	4	3 - ASBO Criminal activities 1 - ASBO Criminal Damage	0	7	4 - Blue Badge Fraud 1 - Clean City Environmental Protection Act 2 - Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regs 2008	1	11	1
Powys	2	1 - Insurance: Fraud 1 - Trading Standards: Animal Welfare	No information provided	1	1 - Trading Standards: Animal Welfare	No information provided	3	n/a
Preston	7	7 - Benefit fraud	0	5	4 - Benefit fraud 1 - Fly-tipping	0	12	0
Purbeck	0		0	0		0	0	0
Reading	15	2 - Plying for hire and safety checks 2 - House in multiple occupation 1 - Pedlars 1 - Anti-social behaviour 6 - Test Purchasing of private hire vehicles 1 - Sales and unlicensed sales of intoxicants 1 - Test purchasing of goods 1 - Noise levels at commercial premises	6	3	1 - Pedlars 2 - Sale of alcohol to underage persons	2	18	8

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Redbridge	3	3 - Consumer protection and fraud	No information provided	10	2 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Check on compliance with licensing regarding underage sales 1 - Consumer protection and fraud 1 - Trading standards breach 5 - Licensing enforcement	No information provided	13	n/a
Redcar and Cleveland	(2008) 23	2 - Trading Standards Matter – illegal money lending activities 15 - Trading Standards Matter – illegal sale of tobacco or alcohol products to children 2 - Use of Council CCTV equipment by Police 3 - Housing Benefit Fraud investigation 1 - Rogue trader	No information provided	(2009/10) 19	4 - Use of Council CCTV equipment by Police 8 - Trading Standards Matter – illegal sale of tobacco or alcohol products to children 4 - Use of Council CCTV equipment by Police 2 – Use of CCTV equipment by DWP 1 - Rogue trader	No information provided	42	n/a
Redditch	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	1	1 - Criminal damage	0	2	0
Reigate and Banstead	4	1 - Breaches of a premises license condition 2 - Taxi license offences 1 - Serious criminal damage and anti-social behaviour	1	3	1 - Test purchasing from a taxi firm 2 - Alleged breach of taxi licensing offences	1	7	2
Rhondda Cynon Taff	58	18 - Anti social behaviour 1 - Environmental crimes 7 - Underage sales of age restricted goods 17 - Supplying counterfeit or illicit goods 1 - Misdescribed goods or services 13 - Licensing offences 1 - False mobility/sickness claims	9	34	17 - Anti social behaviour 6 - Underage sales of age restricted goods 9 - Supplying counterfeit or illicit goods 1 - Misdescribed goods or services 1 - Licensing offences	1	92	10

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Ribble Valley	2	2 - Fly-tipping	0	0		0	2	0
Richmond upon Thames	11	4 - Allegations of financial mismanagement, poor practices, public's health and safety put at risk 1 - Trading standards 2 - Surveillance of illegal knife purchases 1 - Underage alcohol sales project 3 - Underage purchase of cigarettes	0	3	2 - Blue badge fraud 1 - Unauthorised mini-cabs	0	14	0
Richmondshire	1	1 - Housing benefit fraud	0	0		0	1	0
Rochford	1	1 - Breach of planning control	0	1	1 - Fraudulent benefit claim	0	2	0
Rossendale	4	3 - Licensing Investigations 1 - Dog fouling	No information provided	5	1 - Noise abatement 2 - Licensing Investigations 2 - Benefit Fraud Investigation	No information provided	9	n/a
Rother	0		0	1	1 - Fly-tipping	1	1	1
Rotherham	(2008) 26	19 - Benefit fraud 5 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Premises sellign cigarettes to children 1 - Member of staff working whilst sick	No information provided	(2009/10) 66	65 - Housing benefit fraud 1 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	92	n/a

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Rugby	8	5 - Noise nuisance 1 - Anti-social Behaviour 2 - Fly-tipping	0	12	1 - Animal Movement 11 - Noise nuisance	3	20	3
Runnymede	1	1 - Benefit fraud Investigation	0	1	1 - Benefit fraud Investigation	0	2	0
Rushcliffe	9	3 - Criminal damage/anti-social behaviour 2 - Criminal damage 1 - Criminal damage and homophobic threats 1 - Criminal damage and theft 1 - Sale of alcohol to young persons 1 - Noise nuisance and ASB	No information provided	2	1 - Homophobic graffiti 1 - Housing benefit fraud	No information provided	11	n/a
Rushmoor	5	5 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	3	3 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	8	n/a
Ryedale	0		0	0		0	0	0
Salford	81	3 - Internal Investigation 3 - Trading standards 1 - Environmental crime 5 - Licensing 6 - Environmental protection 45 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	68	1 - Benefit fraud 18 - Trading standards 1 - Licensing 48 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	149	n/a
Sandwell	64	7 - Environmental Protection 43 - Trading Standards 13 - Anti-Social Behaviour 1 - Benefits Investigation	5	71	7 - Environmental Protection 48 - Trading Standards 16 - Anti-Social Behaviour	8	135	13
Sedgemoor	0		0	1	1 - Noise nuisance	0	1	0
Sefton	13	1 - Taxi Licensing 5 - Benefit Fraud 3 - Fly-tipping 4 - Noise Nuisance	1	1	1 - Child protection issue	0	14	1
Selby	10	10 - Benefit fraud investigations	1	2	2 - Benefit fraud investigations	0	12	1

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Sevenoaks	0		0	0		0	0	
Sheffield	30	No information provided	No information provided	27	1 - Child Protection 13 - Housing Benefits 12 - Anti-Social Behaviour 1 - Nature of the charge is unclear	No information provided	57	n/a
Slough	0		0	0		0	0	
Solihull	44	1 - Unlicensed home boarding of animals 6 - Noise Monitoring 1 - Anti Social Behaviour 2 - Licensing enforcement 2 - Trading Standards investigation 6 - Counterfeit tobacco 16 - Rogue builder 6 - Foreign Lottery fraud 2 - Insurance selling scam 2 - Employment scam	1	31	4 - Anti-social Behaviour 1 - Counterfeit tobacco 1 - Trading standards investigation 2 - Unlicensed establishment 7 - Illegal tobacco 2 - Counterfeit DVDs 4 - Rogue builder 2 - Fly posting 8 - Foreign lottery fraud	0	75	1
Somerset	13	12 - Trading standards 1 - Under-age test purchases of alcohol	0	4	3 - Trading standards 1 - Animal health investigation	0	17	0
South Bucks	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	0		0	1	0
South Cambridgeshire	5	4 - Benefit fraud 1 - Fly-tipping	1	6	4 - Benefit fraud 2 - Fly-tipping	0	11	1
South Derbyshire	19	9 - Benefits 7 - Anti social behaviour 2 - Waste related investigations 1 - Health & Safety	0	22	15 - Benefits 5 - Anti social behaviour 1 - Waste related investigations 1 - Licensing	0	41	0
South Gloucestershire	0		0	2	1 - Housing benefit fraud 1 - Under-age sales	0	2	0

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South Hams	2	1 - Housing benefit fraud 1 - Fraud relating to waste collection	No information provided	1	1 - Housing benefit fraud	No information provided	3	0
South Holland	13	10 - Anti-social behaviour 3 - Noise disturbance	0	14	4 - Noise nuisance 9 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Benefit fraud	0	27	0
South Kesteven	4	4 - Anti-social behaviour	0	0		0	4	0
South Norfolk	4	2 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Fly-tipping	0	11	3 - Benefit fraud 6 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Illegal plying for hire	0	15	0
South Oxfordshire	2	2- Fly-tipping	0	0		0	2	0
South Ribble	2	2 - Enforcement of the Licensing Act 2003 - Issue of sale and supply of alcohol to children	0	0		0	2	0
South Somerset	0		0	1	1 - Benefit Fraud Investigation	0	1	0
South Tyneside	8	1 - Unauthorised removal of WEEE materials 3 - Benefit fraud 2 - Unlicensed driver/vehicle operating for hire 1 - Sale of tobacco to children 1 - Underage sales of alcohol	No information provided	5	1 - Benefit fraud 2 - Underage sales of alcohol 2 - Sales of counterfeit goods	No information provided	13	n/a

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Southampton	34	1 - Offenders pursuant to Environmental Protection Act 1990 1 - Street drinking and aggressive begging 4 - Criminal damage 1 - Illegal street traders 7 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Racial harassment and criminal damage 9 - Attempted purchase of alcohol and cigarettes by u18 in city off licence 1 - Attempted purchase of fireworks by u18 in city off licence 2 - Attempted purchase of counterfeit DVDs 5 - Alleged disabled blue badge fraud 2 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	25	6 - Anti-social behaviour, criminal damage and harassment 2 - Criminal damage and threats to property 7 - Attempted purchase of alcohol and cigarettes by u18 in city off-licence 3 - Benefits Investigations 3 - Alleged disabled blue badge fraud 4 - Outstanding	No information provided	59	n/a
Southend	1	1 - Investigation regarding possible offence under Licensing Act 2003	0	0		0	1	0
Spelthorne	8	5 - Noise nuisance 3 - Offences covered by Part II of the Local Government Act 1976	0	0		0	8	0
St Edmundsbury	7	1 - Employment related matter 6 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	5	1 - Employment matter 1 - Noise nuisance 3 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	12	n/a
St Helens	5	5 - Benefit fraud investigations	1	5	2 - Benefit fraud investigations 2 - Theft 1 - Possible offences against the Copyrights Designs and Patents Act 1988	0	10	n/a
Stafford	7	7 - Fly-tipping	0	2	2 - Fly-tipping	0	9	0

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Staffordshire	7	5 - Fraud 2 - Planning Control/Prevention of Pollution	0	4	2 - Planning Control/Prevention of Pollution 1 - Counterfeit DVD production 1 - Unlicensed Money Lending	0	11	0
Staffordshire Moorlands	0		0	0		0	0	0
Stevenage	14	12 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Housing benefit	No information provided	3	1 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Taxi licensing 1 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	17	n/a
Stockport	4	Underage and counterfeit alcohol sales Anti-social behaviour Benefit fraud	No information provided	4	Underage and counterfeit alcohol sales Anti-social behaviour Benefit fraud	No information provided	8	n/a
Stoke-on-Trent	53	No information provided	No information provided	24	No information provided	No information provided	77	n/a
Stratford	0		0	1	1 - Fly-tipping	0	1	0
Stroud	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	2	0

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Suffolk	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Test purchase of cigarettes 2 - DVD seller 1 - Counterfeit goods seller 3 - Test purchase of alcohol 1 - Test purchase of puppy 4 - Fraud Act offences 1 - Offences under Business Advertisement Disclosure order 1979 3 - Trade Marks Act offences 1 - Offences under Feed Hygiene Regulations 1 - Offences under Doorstep Selling Regulations 1 - Offences under Road Traffic Legislation 2 - Offences under Trading Standards Legislation 1 - Consumer Protection Regulation offences 	No information provided	53	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Sale of wills 17 - Test purchase of alcohol 1 - Sale of beds from van 1 - Test purchase of counterfeit trainers 1 - Test purchase of puppy 2 - Test purchase of alcohol & tobacco 1 - Consumer scam 1 - Sale of disability aids 2 - Test purchase of fireworks 1 - Test purchase of various Estate Agent services 6 - Test purchase of various services 1 - Food Labelling Regulations 1996 offences 1 - Weights and Measures Act and the Non Automatic Weighing Instrument Regulations 2000 2 - Fraud Act offences 3 - Trade Marks Act offences 1 - Business Names Act offences 5 - The Cancellation of Contracts Made in a Consumer's Home or Place of Work 8 - Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 offences 	No information provided	75	n/a
Sunderland	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 - Investigation of allegations of benefits abuse 2 - Related to ASBO cases 1 - Trading Standards exercise investigating allegations of underage alcohol sales 1 - Vandalism of a Nursery School 	No information provided	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Authorised investigation cancelled before commencement 6 - Investigation of allegations of benefits abuse 3 - Investigation of unlawful plying for hire by private hire drivers 	No information provided	17	n/a

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Surrey	67	No information provided	No information provided	38	No information provided	No information provided	105	n/a
Surrey Heath	0		0	0		0	0	0
Sutton	10	7 - Noise nuisance 1 - Fraud Act Offences/Trading Standards 2 - Fly Tipping Offences	0	13	3 - Benefit Fraud 9 - Fly-tipping 1 - Sale of Counterfeit Goods	0	23	n/a
Swale	20	15 - Benefit fraud 3 - Fly-tipping 2 - Graffiti	2	8	7 - Benefit fraud 1 - Fly-tipping	0	28	2
Swansea	12	5 - Obtaining money fraudulently 3 - Fly Tipping 2 - Anti-Social Behaviour 2 - Personal Injury Claims	No information provided	28	9 - Housing Benefit 9 - Licensing 3 - Waste Management 7 - Trading Standards	No information provided	40	n/a
Swindon	12	No information provided	No information provided	6	No information provided	No information provided	18	n/a
Tameside	9	No information provided	No information provided	15	No information provided	No information provided	24	n/a
Tamworth	2	1 - Fraud investigations 1 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	2	2 - Fraud investigations	No information provided	4	n/a

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Tandridge	3	1 - Benefit fraud 2 - Fly-tipping	1	2	2 - Benefit fraud	0	5	1
Taunton Deane	0		0	0		0	0	0
Teignbridge	12	6 - Vandalism 4 - Benefit fraud 1 - Breach of enforcement notice 1 - Audit investigation	2	13	7 - Benefit fraud 6 - Vandalism	1	25	3
Telford & Wrekin	4	3 - Housing benefits investigation 1 - Suspected theft	No information provided	16	3 - Housing benefits investigation 4 - Consumer protection 4 - Test purchasing operation 1 - Suspected unlicensed private hire vehicle 1 - Suspected fraud 3 - Fraud	No information provided	20	n/a
Tendring	0		0	0		0	0	0
Test Valley	1	1 - Fly-tipping	0	3	2 - Fly tipping 1 - Breach of a planning enforcement notice	0	4	0
Tewkesbury	3	2 - Noise related 1 - Fly-tipping	0	4	2 - Noise related 2 - Housing benefit fraud	0	7	0
Thurrock	10	4 - Anti-social behaviour 6 - Fraud	No information provided	17	15 - Fraud 2 - Trading Standards	No information provided	27	n/a
Three Rivers	13	4 - Detecting fly tipping and littering 2 - Falsifying "single person" claim Failed to obtain evidence 1 - Alleged operation of retail sales business at domestic address 4 - Noise Nuisance 2 - Operation of retail sales business at domestic address	0	10	1 - Detecting fly tipping and littering 2 - Falsifying "single person" claim 4 - Noise Nuisance 3 - Working while in receipt of Benefits	0	23	0

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Tonbridge and Malling	2	2 - Benefit fraud investigations	0	2	2 - Benefit fraud investigations	0	4	0
Torbay	1	1 - Investigate serious offences of theft	0	0		0	1	0
Torfaen	7	1 - Vandalism, anti-social behaviour 1 - Suspected rogue traders 1 - Sales are taking place from the boot of a vehicle 1 - Sales of alcohol to underage teenagers 1 - Adults purchasing alcohol for u18 1 - Fly-tipping 1 - Young people under 18 obtaining and consuming alcohol in the vicinity	0	2	2 - Male adults drinking in an alcohol designation area, abuse/threaten members of the public	1	9	1
Torrige	0		0	0		0	0	0
Tower Hamlets	39	2 - DVD factory 3 - Drug dealing 4 - Noise nuisance 4 - Youth disorder 1 - Racial harrassment 2 - Criminal damage/arson 1 - ASB between neighbours 14 - Misuse of blue badges and parking permits 4 - Gather evidence of illegal money lending 1 - Gather evidence relating to car clocking 1 - Illegal fly-pitching DVD selling 2 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	20	2 - Benefit fraud 8 - Misuse of blue badges and parking permits 1 - Fly-tipping 2 - Noise nuisance 5 - Under age test purchase of alcohol 1 - Under age sales tobacco 1 - Counterfeit condoms	No information provided	59	n/a
Trafford	26	8 - Benefit fraud 1 - Littering 17 - Counterfeit goods, bogus builders etc	No information provided	16	8 - Benefit fraud 1 - Cruelty to animals allegations 7 - Counterfeit goods, bogus builders etc	No information provided	42	11

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Tunbridge Wells	4	4 - Environmental services	0	1	1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	5	0
Uttlesford	1	1 - Theft from council property	0	1	1 - Unauthorised camping on council land	0	2	0
Vale of Glamorgan	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	0		0	1	0
Vale of White Horse	26	No information provided	No information provided	2	No information provided	No information provided	28	n/a
Wakefield	7	2 - Private Hire vehicles using Hackney Carriage ranks 1 - Working men's clubs 1 - Tickets being sold in respect of a bogus charity 2 - Illegal foodstuffs being imported into the UK 1 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	2	1 - Anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance 1 - Licensing into taxis illegally plying for hire	No information provided	9	n/a
Walsall	119	38 - Housing benefit and/or council tax benefit investigation 57 - Anti-social behaviour enforcement 23 - Trading standards – age restricted test purchasing (knives, cigarettes, alcohol, fireworks) 1 - Staff working privately while absent on sick leave; insurance claims from injured parties	No information provided	96	34 - Housing benefit and/or council tax benefit investigation 36 - Anti-social behaviour enforcement 19 - Trading standards – age restricted test purchasing (knives, cigarettes, alcohol, fireworks) 7 - Staff working privately while absent on sick leave; insurance claims from injured parties	No information provided	215	n/a
Waltham Forest	9	1 - Employee theft 1 - Trades Description Act 2 - Counterfeit goods. 1 - Housing benefit fraud 4 - Anti-social behaviour	0	21	17 - Fly-tipping offences 1 - Housing Benefit fraud 1 - Counterfeit goods 2 - Test purchasing	1	30	1

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Wandsworth	51	47 - Suspected fraudulent misuse of a disabled person's blue badge parking permit, and 4 - Suspected sale of counterfeit goods	No information provided	69	57 - Suspected fraudulent misuse of a disabled person's blue badge parking permit 11 - Suspected sale of counterfeit goods 1 - Investigation of a member of staff suspected of fraudulently claiming for hours not worked	No information provided	120	n/a
Warwick	1	1 - Allegation of physical assault and continuing nuisance	0	1	1 - Benefit Fraud	0	2	0
Warwickshire	4	1 - Supply of illegal registration plates and counterfeit goods 2 - Counterfeit goods 1 - Cowboy builder - obtaining money by deception	1	8	5 - Counterfeit goods 2 - Counterfeit clothing 1 - Counterfeit cigarettes	0	12	1
Watford	7	6 - Benefit Fraud 1 - Anti Social Behaviour graffiti	0	1	1 - Planning enforcement	0	8	0
Waveney	1	1 - Fly-tipping investigation	No information provided	4	4 - Benefits fraud investigations	No information provided	5	n/a
Waverley	3	2 - Investigation of alleged breaches of noise abatement notices 1 - Investigation of alleged anti-social behaviour	0	0		0	3	0
Wealden	13	10 - Fly-tipping 2 - Noise nuisance 1 - Planning enforcement	0	0		0	13	0
Wellingborough	10	10 - Benefit fraud and theft	2	1	1 - Benefit fraud and theft	0	11	2
Welwyn Hatfield	0		0	0		0	0	0

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West Berkshire	54	53 - Age-related test purchases 1 - Observations prior to execution of a warrant	No information provided	174	70 - Under age sales of Alcohol 25 - Under age sales of Alcohol in Pubs 15 - Under age sales of Knives 41 - Under age sales of Cigarettes 11 - Under age sales of Games/Dvds 12 - Under age sales of Fireworks	No information provided	228	n/a
West Devon	0		0	0		0	0	0
West Dorset	0		0	1	1 - Whether personal information was being leaked outside the Council	0	1	0
West Lancashire	12	2 - Benefit fraud 10 - Vandalism/criminal damage/antisocial behaviour	0	8	2 - Benefit fraud 1 - Licensing 5 - Vandalism/criminal damage/antisocial behaviour	0	20	n/a
West Lindsey	20	15 - Benefits Fraud 1 - Criminal & ASB 2 - Fly-tipping 2 - Anti-social behaviour	3	2	2 - Benefits fraud	0	22	3
West Norfolk	0		0	1	1 - Noise nuisance and Anti-Social behaviour	0	1	0
West Oxfordshire	29	4 - Planning Enforcement 20 - Housing/Council Benefit 3 - Fly Tipping 1 - Smoking Ban 1 - Taxi Operation	No information provided	8	7 - Housing/Council Benefit 1 - Fly Tipping	No information provided	37	n/a
West Somerset	0		0	0		0	0	0
West Sussex	4	3 - Investigation of a trader selling counterfeit trade marked clothing & goods on Ebay 1 - Investigation of trader selling counterfeit dvd's	0	1	1 - Investigation of timeshare scam	0	5	0

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Westminster	18	Fraud Criminal Damage Offences under the Trade Marks Act 1994 and Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 ASB Noise, drinking & Drugs, criminal damage, loitering, urination Criminal Justice Act 1988 Under Age Sales Potential breach of Noise Abatement Notice	No information provided	16	Breaches of Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 Misleading Actions Under Age Sales Potential breach of Noise Abatement Notice Potential breach of S141a Criminal Justice Act 1988 Breach of Premises Licenses under Licensing Act 2003 Offences under the Fraud Act 2006 and the Price Indication (Bureaux de Change) (No.2) Regulations 1992 Group dispersal zone	No information provided	34	n/a
Weymouth	2	2 - Unlawful Street Trading	2	0		0	2	2
Wigan	35	15 - Sale of Alcohol/Cigarettes to Under Age Persons 11 - Anti-Social Behaviour 4 - Taxi Licensing 2 - Benefits Fraud 3 - Unlawful Disposal of Controlled Waste	No information provided	33	10 - Anti-Social Behaviour 3 - Benefits Fraud 4 - Unlawful Disposal of Controlled Waste 1 - Criminal Damage 2 - Sale of Fireworks to Under Age Persons 12 - Sale of Alcohol/Cigarettes to Under Age Persons 1 - Using Property to supply illegal drugs	No information provided	68	n/a
Wiltshire	29	13 - Fly Tipping Investigations 4 - Public Nuisance Investigations 4 - Benefit Fraud Investigations 6 - Noise Nuisance Investigations 2 - Department of Children and Education Investigations	No information provided	5	3 - Underage test purchasing 1 - Benefit Fraud Investigation 1 - Fly Tipping Investigation	1	34	1
Winchester	3	3 - Benefit fraud	0	4	2 - Benefit fraud 2 - Anti-social behaviour	0	7	0

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Windsor and Maidenhead	6	4 - Prevention and detection of Fraud and Corruption (Benefit Fraud) 1 - Prevention and detection of Fraud and Corruption (Criminal Damage) 1 - Prevention and detection of Fraud and Corruption (Trading Standards)	3	4	1 - Prevention and detection of Fraud and Corruption (Benefit Fraud) 2 - Prevention and detection of Fraud and Corruption (Anti Social Behaviour) 1 - Prevention and detection of Fraud and Corruption (Theft and Criminal Damage)	0	10	3
Wirral	5	3 - Importing counterfeit clothing 1 - Selling counterfeit items 1 - Sale of alcohol to under age persons	3	8	3 - Contravention of Trade Marks Act 1994 1 - Selling fireworks to under age persons 1 - Licensing 3 - Selling cigarette papers to under age persons	3	13	6
Woking	0		0	5	4 - Taxi-touting 1 - Anti-social behaviour	0	5	0
Wokingham	1	1 - Benefit fraud	0	4	3 - Benefit fraud 1 - Internal investigation of suspected theft	0	5	0
Worcester	0		0	0		0	0	0
Worcestershire	6	2 - Investigation of underage alcohol sales 3 - Investigation of sale of counterfeit goods 1 - Investigation in to a scam involving using false identities	0	21	2 - Investigation of Fraudulent Business Practice 11 - Investigation of Underage Alcohol Sales 6 - Investigation of Sale of Counterfeit Goods 1 - Investigation of Illegal Livestock Gatherings and breach of Disease Control Legislation 1 - Investigation of storage of fireworks without holding relevant licence or registration	0	27	0

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Worthing	11	7 - Housing benefit fraud 3 - Planning enforcement 1 - Fly-tipping	No information provided	2	2 - Housing benefit fraud	No information provided	13	n/a
Wrexham	21	1 - Benefit Fraud 9 - Drug dealing 2 - Anti Social behaviour 6 - Illegal waste disposal/fly tipping 3 - Noise nuisance	1	10	1 - Counterfeit goods 1 - Animal welfare 3 - Illegal waste disposal/fly tipping 5 - Noise nuisance	1	31	2
Wychavon	3	2 - Investigations under the Environmental Protection Act 1 - Benefit fraud investigation	0	2	2 - Benefit fraud investigations	0	5	0
Wycombe	4	2 - Fly-tipping 1 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Taxi licensing	0	8	5 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Taxi licensing 2 - Fly-tipping	1	12	1
Wyre	23	4 - Fly-tipping 13 - Noise 2 - Taxi licensing 3 - Benefit fraud 1 - External Investigation	3	8	1 - Taxi licensing 4 - Benefit fraud 3 - Noise	2	31	5
Wyre Forest	1	1 - Noise nuisance from dogs kennel	0	0		0	1	n/a
TOTAL (England & Wales)	4374		205	3657		148	8031	397
SCOTLAND (RIPSA)								
Aberdeen City	(2008) 7	2 - Trading Standards related to test purchases 2 - Noise nuisance 1 - Anti-social behaviour 2 - Benefit fraud	0	2	2 - Trading Standards related to counterfeit goods	0	9	0

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Aberdeenshire	4	1 - Investigation into benefit fraud 1 - Investigation into selling of counterfeit goods 1 - Investigation into misuse of Council property 1 - Investigation into Anti-Social Behaviour	0	11	1 - Investigation of supply of unfit foodstuffs 4 - Investigation into unlawful sale of cigarettes 1 - Investigation into Anti-Social Behaviour 1 - Investigation into benefit fraud 1 - Investigation into unlawful sale of fireworks 3 - Investigation into unlawful use of Council House	0	15	0
Angus	7	6 - Anti Social Behaviour 1 - Alleged Breach of Trading Standards Legislation	No information provided	6	4 - Anti Social Behaviour 1 - Alleged Breach of Trading Standards Legislation 1 - Alleged Fraud	No information provided	13	n/a
Argyll and Bute	2	2 - ASB noise nuisance	0	0		0	2	0
Clackmannanshire	(2008) 2	No information provided	No information provided	(2009/10) 2	No information provided	No information provided	4	n/a
Dumfries and Galloway	27	4 - Prevention or detection of crime 3 - Prevention and detection of crime and the protection of public health 20 - For all of above	No information provided	3	3 - Prevention or detection of crime	No information provided	30	n/a
Dundee City	0		0	0		0	0	0
East Ayrshire	8	3 - Fraudulent claim for benefits 5 - Alleged noise nuisance	0	19	2 - Alleged noise nuisance 14 - Alleged fraudulent claim for benefits 2 - Alleged sales of counterfeit cigarettes 1 - Sale of tobacco products and fireworks to under aged persons	0	27	0

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East Dunbartonshire	1	1 - Housing and Benefit Tax fraud	0	0		0	1	0
East Lothian	18	Noise monitoring Benefits Investigation Anti-social Behaviour	No information provided	20	Noise monitoring Benefits Investigation Anti-social Behaviour	No information provided	38	n/a
East Renfrewshire	6	1 - Fly-tipping 2 - Noise monitoring 3 - Anti-social behaviour	No information provided	14	11 - Noise monitoring 2 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Closing of premises and conduct of staff and guests from club	No information provided	20	n/a
Eilean Siar	0		0	0		0	0	0
Falkirk	34	34 - Noise nuisance	0	45	1 - Dog fouling 2 - Fly-tipping 1 - Unauthorised use of council site 1 - Smoking within premises 1 - Unauthorised use of council plant & equipment 1 - Supply of Counterfeit goods 38 - Noise nuisance	0	79	0
Fife	31	27 - Noise disturbance 2 - Threatening and aggressive behaviour 1 - Vandalism 1 - Damage to property	No information provided	29	27 - Noise disturbance 1 - Vandalism 1 - Verbal abuse and physical assault	No information provided	60	n/a
Glasgow	35	13 - Trading standards investigations. 9 - Fly tipping/environmental protection 9 - Illegal money lending/intellectual property 4 - Housing benefit fraud	No information provided	20	9 - Trading standards investigations. 2 - Fly tipping/environmental protection 7 - Illegal money lending/intellectual property 2 - Housing benefit fraud	No information provided	55	n/a

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Highland	6	5 - Benefit fraud 1 - Trading standards	No information provided	5	2 - Benefit fraud 2 - Test purchasing 1 - Trading standards	No information provided	11	n/a
Inverclyde	6	5 - Benefit investigations 1 - Anti-social behaviour/vandalism	0	2	2 - Anti-social behaviour	0	8	0
Midlothian	13	6 - Benefit fraud investigations 3 - Noise complaints 2 - Vandalism 1 - Theft 1 - Fly-tipping	1	13	2 - Benefit fraud investigations 4 - Noise complaints 1 - Nuisance 1 - Vandalism 1 - Racism 1 - Fire-raising 1 - Money-lending 1 - Firework test purchase operation 1 - Tobacco test purchase operation	1	26	2
Moray	0		0	0		0	0	0
North Ayrshire	0		0	0		0	0	0
North Lanarkshire	2	2 - Trading standards	0	2	2 - Trading standards	0	4	n/a
Orkney Islands	0		0	0		0	0	0
Perth and Kinross	5	2 - Anti-social behaviour 3 - Sale of counterfeit goods	0	1	1 - Illegal dumping	0	6	0
Renfrewshire	56	Anti-social behaviour Test purchases from businesses Prevention or detection of crimes such as vandalism, theft and fraud Unauthorised dumping of waste	No information provided	22	Anti-social behaviour Test purchases from businesses Prevention or detection of crimes such as vandalism, theft and fraud Unauthorised dumping of waste	No information provided	78	n/a
Scottish Borders	1	1 - Car racing related anti-social behaviour	0	0		0	1	0
Shetland Islands	0		0	0		0	0	0

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South Ayrshire	9	3 - Sale of Counterfeit tobacco 1 - Illegal sale of tobacco 5 - Sale of age-restricted goods	No information provided	7	2 - Sale of Counterfeit tobacco 4 - Under Age Sales 1 - Illegal Sale of Unsafe product	No information provided	16	n/a
South Lanarkshire	13	2 - Internal Audit Investigation 1 - Environmental Health Investigation 7 - Trading Standards Investigation 3 - Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation	No information provided	18	12 - Trading Standards Investigation 5 - Anti Social Behaviour Investigation 1 - Internal Audit Investigation	No information provided	31	n/a
Stirling	1	1 - Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes	0	1	1 - Test purchasing of underage sales of cigarettes	0	2	0
West Lothian	(2008) 2	1 - Noise nuisance 1 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	(2009/10) 6	3 - Anti-social behaviour 1 - Noise nuisance 2 - Benefit fraud	No information provided	8	n/a
TOTAL (Scotland)	296		1	248		1	544	2
TOTAL (GREAT BRITAIN)	4670		206	3905		149	8575	399

Appendix 3

The full list of councils that failed to answer the FOI request, despite having 27 working days to respond

Local authority
Barnsley
Blackpool
Bolton
Breckland
Brent
Ceredigion
Copeland
Eastleigh
Edinburgh
Greenwich
Halton
Harborough
Hounslow
Leicestershire
Manchester
Middlesbrough
Monmouthshire
North Lincolnshire
Norwich
Rochdale
Rutland
Scarborough
Shepway
Shropshire
South Lakeland
South Northamptonshire
South Staffordshire
Southwark
St Albans
Stockton-on-Tees
Suffolk Coastal
Thanet
Warrington
West Dunbartonshire
Wolverhampton

Appendix 4

FOI request pertaining to the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (Ripa)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to obtain information about X council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (Ripa).

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:

How many times have X council authorised operations or investigations under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (Ripa) in the periods:

a) 1st April 2008 – 31st March 2009?

b) 1st April 2009 – 31st March 2010?

In each instance, please state the nature of the charge (e.g. graffiti, fly tipping etc).

Please also provide details of the penalties handed out by the Courts in each case (e.g. how many resulted in prosecutions and convictions)

Please note I am not asking for details of the defendants or the case itself.

Kind regards,

Big Brother Watch