Table 4.2 Five year record[1] of compliance with EC Bathing Water Directive[2] for coliform standards[3]: 1997-2001

United Kingdom — No. of bathing waters

	Numbers complying in all 5 years	Numbers complying in 4 years of 5	Numbers complying in 3 years of 5	Numbers complying in 2 years of 5	Numbers complying in 1 year only	Numbers complying in none of the years	Total
EA Region							
North East [4]							
Northumbrian	23	7	3	1	0	0	**34**
Yorkshire	19	3	0	0	1	0	**23**
Anglian	34	3	0	0	0	0	**37**
Thames	5	0	0	0	0	0	**5**
Southern	65	11	2	1	0	0	**79**
South West [4]							
Wessex	37	9	1	0	0	0	**47**
South West	108	24	7	2	0	1	**142**
North West	11	8	5	8	1	1	**34**
England	302	65	18	12	2	2	**401**
Wales	61	13	1	0	0	0	**75**
Scotland	36	5	10	3	2	2	**58**
Northern Ireland	12	2	2	0	0	0	**16**
United Kingdom	411	85	31	15	4	4	**550**

Source: Environment Agency; SEPA; Environment and Heritage Service

[1] Based on identified bathing waters in 2001. Where a new bathing water was identified after 1997 or the site was closed for a season, it has been assumed that its compliance record in earlier years accords with that for the first year that that the bathing water was identified.
[2] 76/160/EEC.
[3] At least 95% of samples must have counts not exceeding the mandatory limit values for total and faecal coliforms.
[4] In 1993, Northumbrian and Yorkshire were amalgamated into one region, now called North East; and Wessex and South West were amalgamated into one region, now called South West. Results for the old regions are given for comparison with earlier years.

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