

REFERENCE

2425226

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July 2024

SUBJECT

Storm Overflows in the Portrush area

REQUEST

How many Unsatisfactory Intermittent Discharges (UIDs) have taken place in the Portrush area in the last five years.

RESPONSE

Firstly, for clarity, the planning response you reference, details the number of UID's as failing assets and your information access request, which NI Water is responding to below, is asking about the number of "UID" incidents.

Published Data

NI Water has a substantial amount of information about Storm Overflows and other wastewater discharge information available on its website, which includes a Modelled Spill Data table. The table details the (modelled) assessment of Storm Overflows as 'Satisfactory', 'Unsatisfactory' or 'To Be Determined' (i.e., assessment is not yet complete). The information is current as of May 2024. As further modelling completes, the 'To Be Determined' status will be updated.

The spill table also details the Receiving Waterbody Name. Your knowledge of the area and the map available on the Storm Overflows page will assist you in determining which of the discharge points relate to your enquiry. Any remedial action to be taken to address UID's is subject to funding decisions by the NI Executive.

Information not held

NI Water does not hold the specific information that you have requested (a count of UID's for a specific area within a specific timeframe). As such, Regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR applies. Regulation 12(4)(a) (Information not held) provides that "*a public authority may refuse to disclose information to the extent that it does not hold that information when an applicant's request is received*".