

The Environment Agency has an investigations programme which is designed to look at the failing elements with the aim of improving our confidence that they are genuinely failing and to identify the main reasons of the failures (pressure). The pie charts show the pressures by sub-catchment and the numbers in the brackets represents the number of waterbodies with that pressure.

The height of the individual bars in the waterbody bar graphs represents the number of reasons of failure per pressure. One pressure can have a number of reasons for the failure, i.e. rural diffuse pollution can be as a result of arable fields, mixed agricultural run-off and farm infrastructure and would be displayed as three reasons of failures.