

Local Authority	Contaminated land inspection strategy	Online public register	Register details	Contaminated sites on public register	Contaminated sites in response to FOI**	Potentially contaminated sites
Blaenau Gwent	2004	No	Not available	n/a	No response	1,607
Bridgend	No – “in development”	No	Not available	n/a	No response	n/a
Caerphilly	2010	No	Not available	n/a	27	n/a
Cardiff	2010	No	yes - on request, in person	n/a	5	n/a
Carmarthenshire	2024	No	webpage contained a 'no entries' statement in Feb 2025 - this has now been removed.	n/a	0	6,563
Ceredigion	Not available - apparently 2005	No	Not available	n/a	0	n/a
Conwy	2016	Yes	table by subsection of 1990 act*	2	2	n/a
Denbighshire	Not available	Yes	table by subsection of 1990 act*	0	0	n/a
Flintshire	2023	Yes	list of documents, not presented as a table	5	5	n/a
Gwynedd	2002	Yes	table by subsection of 1990 act*	1	1	6,555
Isle of Anglesey / Ynys Mon	Not available	Yes	table by subsection of 1990 act*	1	1	n/a
Merthyr Tydfil	2011 – summary only online	No	no entries' statement on website	0	18	500
Monmouthshire	2017	No	no entries' statement on website	0	0	2,487
Neath Port Talbot	2015	No	Not available	n/a	2	6,000
Newport	Not available	No	Not available	n/a	2	n/a
Pembrokeshire	2016	Yes	list of documents, not presented as a table	1	1	4,755
Powys	2012	No	yes - on request	n/a	1	10,000
Rhondda Cynon Taf	2023	No	Not available	n/a	No response	4,600
Swansea	Not available - apparently 2005	No	Not available	n/a	0	290
Torfaen	2024	No	Not available	n/a	No response	1,800
Vale of Glamorgan	2005	No	yes - on request	n/a	0	n/a
Wrexham	Not available	No	Not available	n/a	17	n/a
Total				82		45,157

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Methodology:

- Online search conducted February 2025 for each local authority, using search terms [local authority name] plus “contaminated land”, “register”, and “inspection strategy”. Where a search engine found no relevant results, a local authority site search on “contaminat*” was carried out for confirmation.
- Where a contaminated land inspection strategy was found, the URL and year of publication were initially recorded. Where an online reference to a strategy was found but no document URL identified, this was noted in column B.
- Where a standalone public register was found, this was noted in column C. Where the local authority provided a statement that there was no such statement as it would have no entries, or indicated other options to access the register, this was noted in column D. Column D also provides limited information on the format of any register.
- The number of sites separately identified in each register is recorded in column E. These figures are not necessarily directly comparable across authorities due to slight differences in the definition of what comprises an individual ‘site’.
- The results of a separate process of requesting contamination information through the Freedom of Information system are recorded in column F. Where responses indicated known contamination not currently contained within an online register, these are shaded grey.
- Through this process, information on the number of sites with potential contamination – including former industrial, landfill and extraction facilities – was collated through a review of information provided on website pages, contaminated land inspection strategies, and FOI responses. Where these figures were available they are noted in column G. These figures may represent a wide range of risk profiles and are influenced by the availability and completeness of data so should not be taken as indicative of the areas most impacted by contamination but rather the potential scale of the issue.

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