



Office for Product
Safety & Standards

Strengthening the UK's Capacity for Product Safety

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OPSS is a Departmental Office within the UK Government Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Created in January 2018 to deliver consumer protection and to support business confidence, productivity and growth.

We currently have 300 people working across our three main locations; which are Birmingham, Teddington and London.

Our Mission is to be a trusted product regulator for the UK

- *Protecting people and places*
- *Enabling business to thrive*
- *Empowering consumers to make good choices*

We will be a leader of good regulatory practice and a champion of local regulation.

Drivers for change:

Events



Exiting the European Union



New product innovations and changes in the way we buy products



Our Strategic Approach:



Analyse – make the best use of scientific evidence, incident data, risk analysis and intelligence in decision making.

Inform – help consumers make informed choices and give businesses the information they need to comply.

Enforce – use the full range of tools and powers to maintain protection, fairness and confidence.

Build – a robust product safety system and infrastructure that delivers today and is ready for the challenges of tomorrow.

Towards a Regulatory Data Strategy

Acquisition - who holds the data?

Hospitals – product related injury

Fire services – relating products to fire incidents

Customs - data on imported products

Suppliers – notifications to regulators

Consumers - complaints data, social media monitoring

Analysis - Handling the Data -

Strategic intelligence

Operational intelligence

Analysis expertise

Building partnerships
- NHS
- RoSPA
- Fire services
- HMRC
- Other regulators

Application - Using the data -

Problem based approaches

Toolkit of solutions

Empowerment

