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## **Yorkshire Bathing Water Partnership statement on 2017 bathing water results**

Water quality at 18 of Yorkshire's 19 bathing beaches has been rated as either good or excellent according to figures released today by Defra.

The results follow 150-170 per cent higher than average rainfall across the Yorkshire region in the summer of 2017.

Rainwater that runs off through urban areas and agricultural land into the sea can result in a temporary dip in water quality. This means that water quality will fluctuate slightly each year depending on the weather.

Whilst water quality in the region is still good, the unusually wet summer has led to fewer of our bathing beaches attaining the 'excellent' standard.

The figures reflect testing carried out over the summer (May – September) by The Environment Agency.

The multi-agency Yorkshire Bathing Water Partnership has been working together since 2010 to improve bathing water quality right along Yorkshire's coastline. It is committed to achieving the 'Excellent' bathing water standard at all of Yorkshire's resort beaches.

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### Notes

The Yorkshire Bathing Water Partnership comprises East Riding of Yorkshire Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Scarborough Borough Council, Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency and Welcome to Yorkshire.

The Office of National Statistics has published the annual bathing water quality results online at [www.gov.uk/government/statistics/bathing-water-quality-statistics](http://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/bathing-water-quality-statistics)

The Yorkshire Bathing Water Partnership and its partners provide information on social media about how everyone can help keep bathing water quality high using #cleanerseas and #binit4beaches.