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Figures 1—3

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Figure 1 Current flow of Official Samples

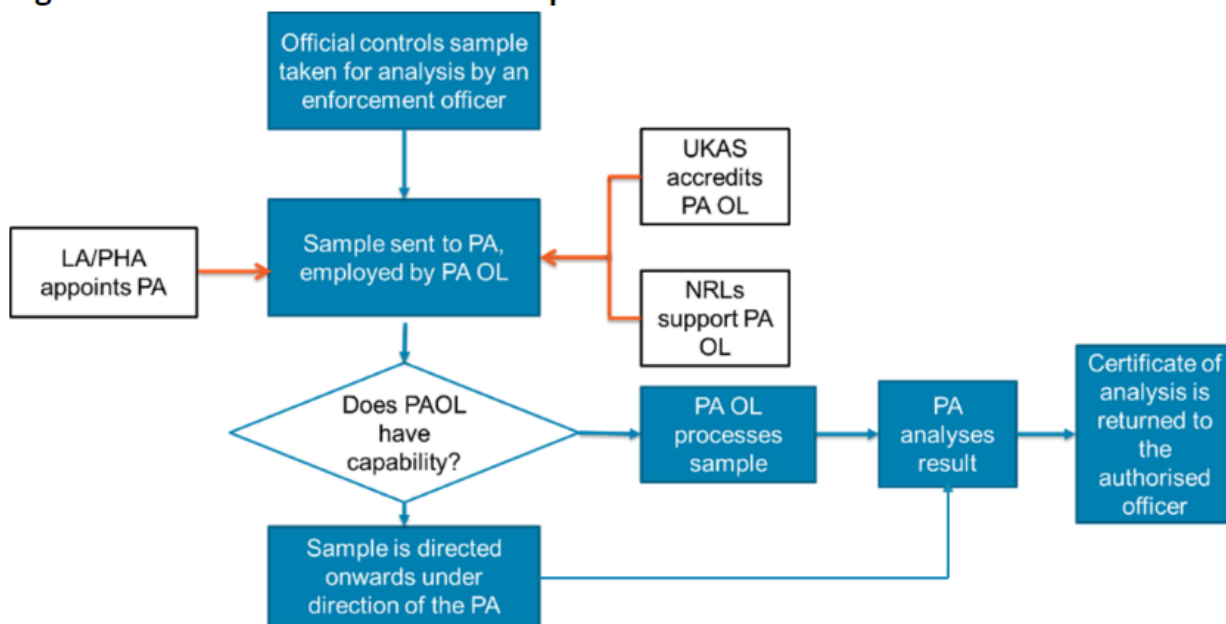


Figure 2 Graph of official sampling rates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, 2014-2021, from Local Authority Enforcement Monitoring System (LAEMS) data. Percentage reduction of official samples shows change between 2014 and 2021 per nation.

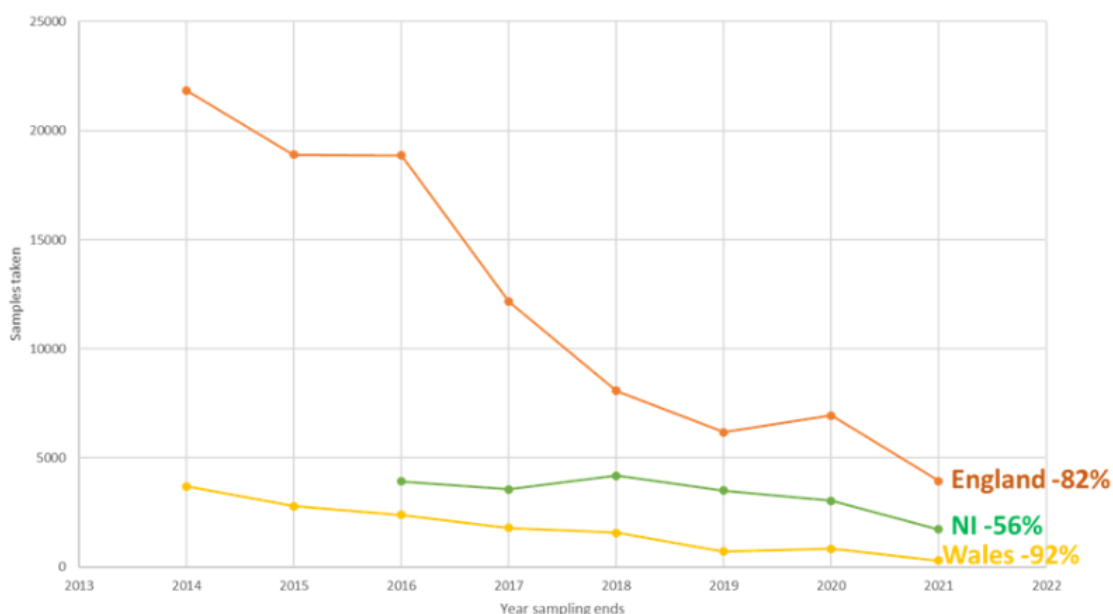
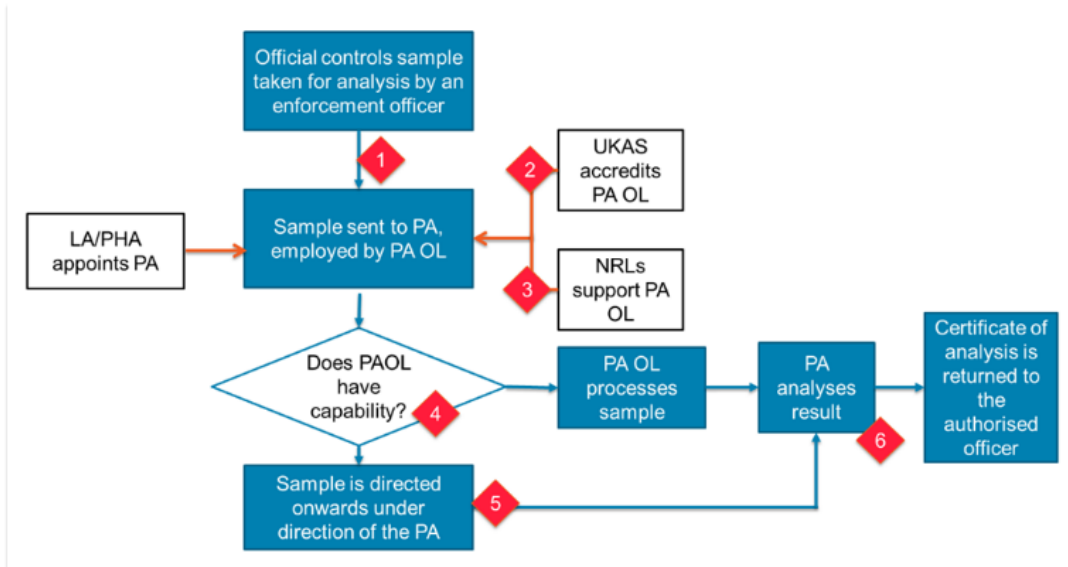


Figure 3 Infographic showing the key blockers in the current PA OL system



1 79% reduction in enforcement sampling across England, Wales and NI since 2016

2 PA OLs reducing their scope as some testing is not commercially viable

3 PA OLs cannot afford to direct sampling to NRLs for novel and difficult analyses

4 Minimal capability in multiple regulatory areas. Many tests not commercially viable.

5 Harder to forward samples to EU labs due to EU Exit. Lack of affordable UK labs with specialist capabilities

6 Declining PA profession reducing capacity to analyse samples and to sign CoAs