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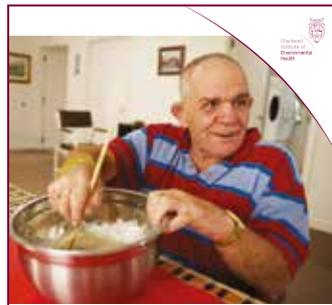
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Policy briefing note:  
Charging for pest control services

More and more local authorities are introducing charges for pest control services, often as a means of being able to maintain a service. In 2009, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health's National Pest Advisory Panel (NPAP) conducted its seventh management survey. Following up on the original survey in 2002, the results of the survey reveal varying trends with the pattern of local authority pest management provision and the charges that have been placed since the first survey.

In comparing the two surveys, the results reveal that the number of local authorities that provide a pest control service has fallen from 93% to 90%, in 2002 only 3 of the authorities that responded to the survey did not offer any service at all. The figure has now risen to 36.

It is worth noting that the survey was conducted in February 2009, before the worst of the recession had set in and before the commencement of the further cuts in 2010 Comprehensive Spending Review.

The CIEM has already commented that an increasing number of councils are taking the decision not to provide a pest control service. It is highly concerned that more councils are introducing charges for pest control services, even for rats and mice.

**The Introduction of Damage By Pests Act 1949**

Although a local authority is not legally required to provide a pest control service, the PCT Act 1949 imposes a duty on councils to "take such steps as may be necessary to secure so far as possible that their district is kept free from rats, mice, and other vermin, and to provide to keep the local authority's own land, and land in the UK occupied, free from rats and other vermin, and to secure the district of areas and occupancy of land under the PCT Act. It is a duty of every council that the reception of any land that goes to the local authority (whether in whole or in part) is accompanied by the knowledge that it is not to be kept free from vermin to the specified substantial number (not agricultural).

The NPAP survey also found that councils were relying on contractors to undertake treatments rather than providing the services in-house. For example in 2002 over 80% of treatments for rat infestations were performed by in-house staff, but this figure had fallen to around 60% in 2009. The number of the treatments in private houses for the most common pests - rats, mice, bedbugs and cockroaches - fell by around 15%. So which can the issue of local authority might be taken into account when considering whether to introduce charges or contract out of the services?



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