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**Wales Inland Bathing Waters Project**

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# Introduction

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Credit: Outdoor Swimming Society

## Background



Rhyl early 1900s



Whitmore Bay, Barry Island 2022

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# The Bathing Water Regulations 2013

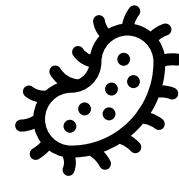
Implementing the Directive, aiming to “protect human health and the environment from pollution”

Sets out definitions and responsibilities of Government and public authorities, including:

- Designation and de-designation requirements
- Water quality criteria and thresholds for coastal and inland sites
- The monitoring calendar
- Signage and information provision
- Management of abnormal situations
- Private operator responsibility



Escherichia coli (E.coli)



intestinal enterococci (I.E)

# Bathing waters in Wales, 2022



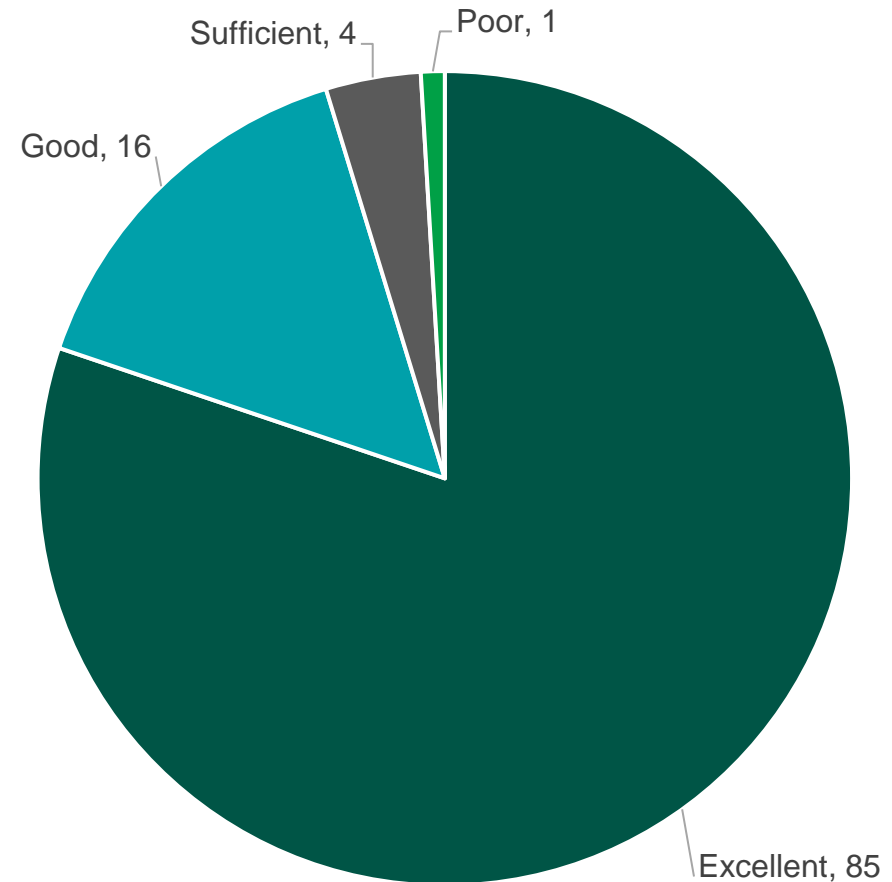
107 bathing waters



106 coastal bathing waters



1 inland bathing water



## Bathing water classifications 2022

Note: ONE sites was closed due to coastal protection works

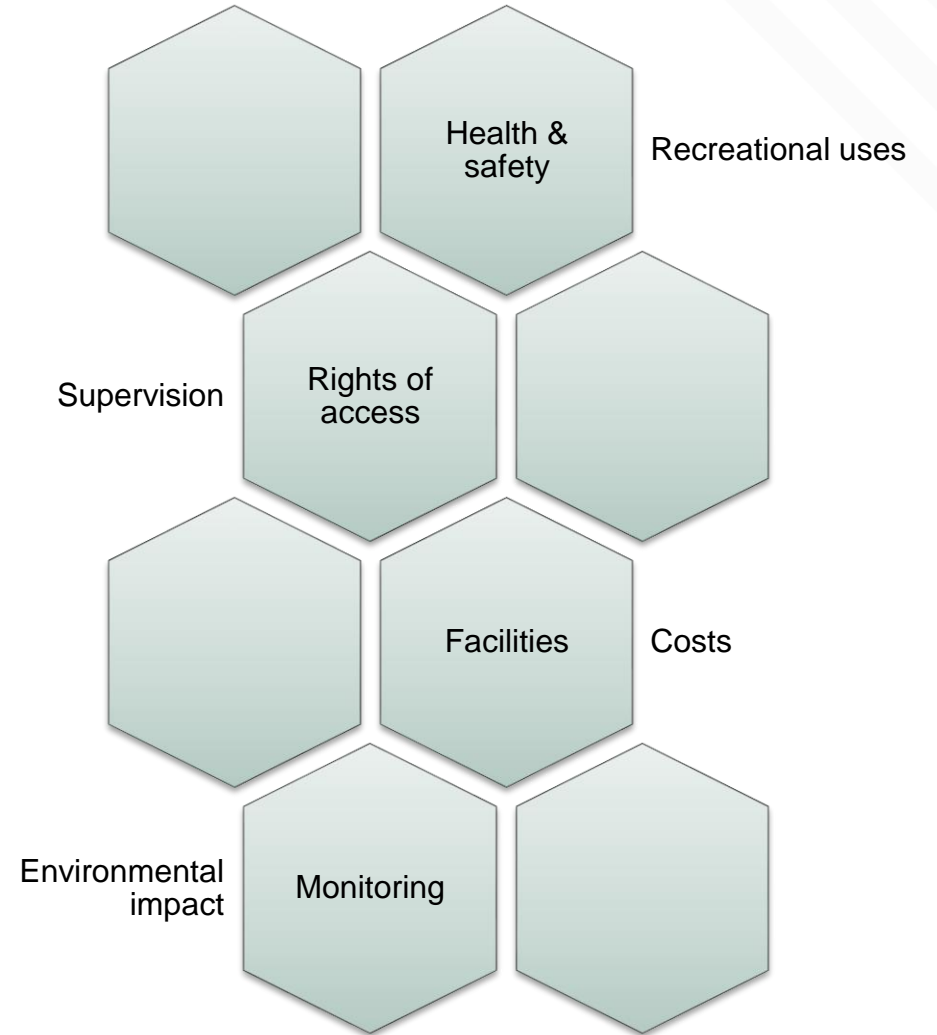
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In 2021 the Programme for Government Update 2021-2026 committed to:

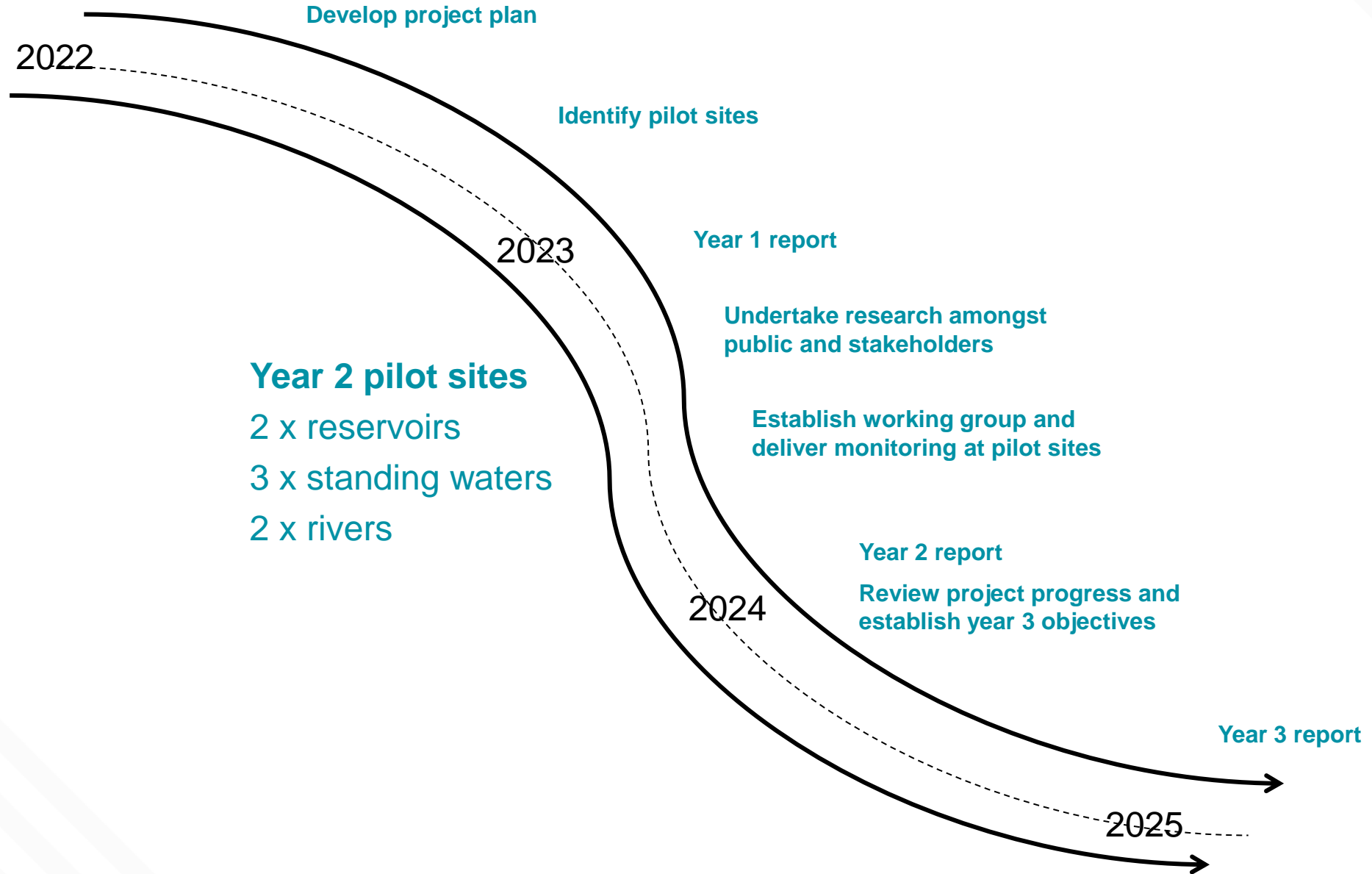
“Begin to designate Wales’ inland waters for recreation, strengthening water quality monitoring”.

NRW funded to

- lead a project steering group,
- develop the project scope and plan,
- learn from pilot sites
- review current requirements and frameworks and develop recommendations.



# Project plan



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## Opportunities for collaboration and research



Diolch yn fawr, thank you.



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