

A Scottish Water spokesperson said: “During this bathing season, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency informed us of 57 high results at bathing waters. We carried out root cause analysis, as per our agreed process, and all our assets were working as they should with no issues.

“Since 2015, we have carried out 226 root cause analyses and only two have shown that our asset operation contributed to high results.

“Scottish Water’s assets are designed in accordance with the bathing water standards and we have robust processes to maintain and monitor those which discharge into designated bathing waters to ensure they perform.

“There are many factors which can impact bathing waters, including issues such as diffuse pollution from agricultural land, birds and dog waste such as at Portobello beach in Edinburgh in July. Scottish Water is committed to continuing to support the protection and improvement of Scotland’s rivers, coastal waters and beaches and to improving the country’s public drainage system and infrastructure.”