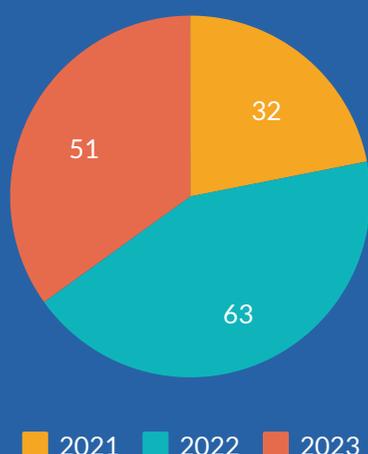


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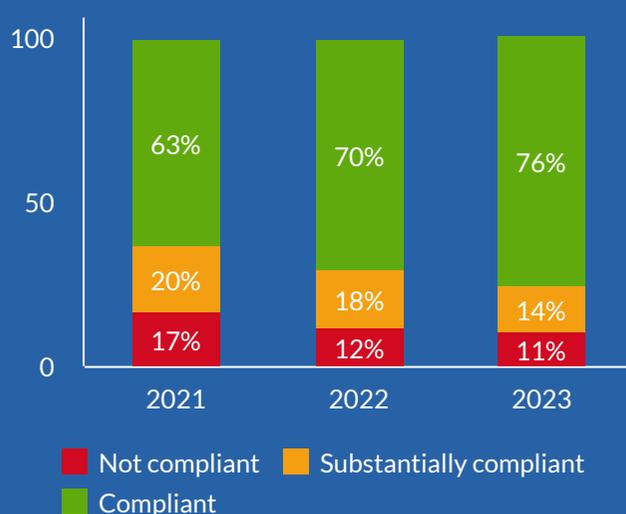
## Ionising Radiation

### Inspection findings:

No. of inspections 2021-2023



### Compliance



- Overall compliance findings with core regulations improved year on year in 2022 and 2023 when compared with 2021 data
- This is a positive finding and demonstrated that undertakings are working towards improving compliance with the regulations.

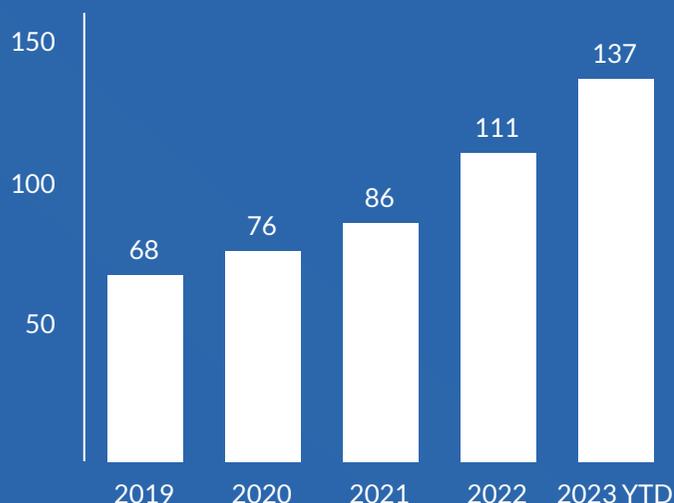


### Areas to improve:

- the allocation of responsibility must be clear and documented for all key personnel working with ionising radiation across all service types
- medical radiological equipment must be quality assured and maintained
- justification must be completed and recorded before carrying out each medical exposure.

## Accidental and unintended radiation exposures

No. of incidents submitted to  
HIQA



- This increase in notifications is seen by HIQA as a positive indicator and encourages undertakings to continue their efforts to improve the level of reporting
- HIQA found that the corrective actions implemented in response to significant events were often low to medium level strategies such as educating staff and updating policies.

- Automating process and forcing functions are considered more effective to reduce the human factor in incident occurrence
- By analysing and trending all incidents, including 'good catches' and near misses, the undertaking can identify 'weak spots' or areas for improvement in the service.

