

Leighton Buzzard

2012 half year business confidence report



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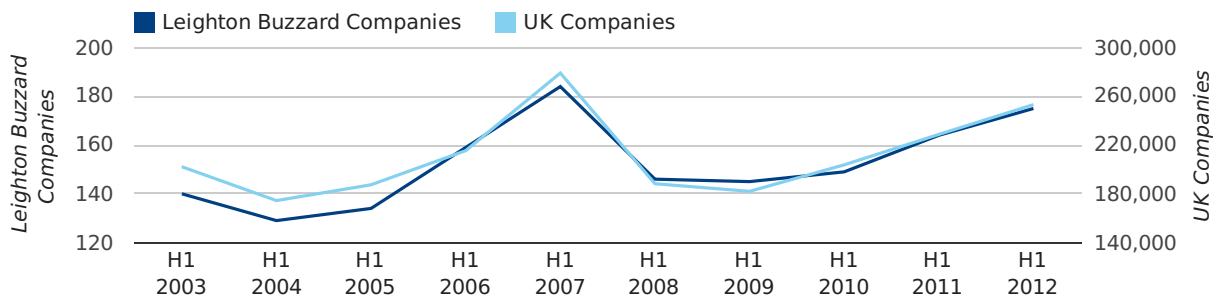
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 175 companies were formed in Leighton Buzzard. This figure is 6.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leighton Buzzard occurred in 2007 when a total of 184 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2012	175	253,150
2011	164	228,735
% CHANGE	6.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (184)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



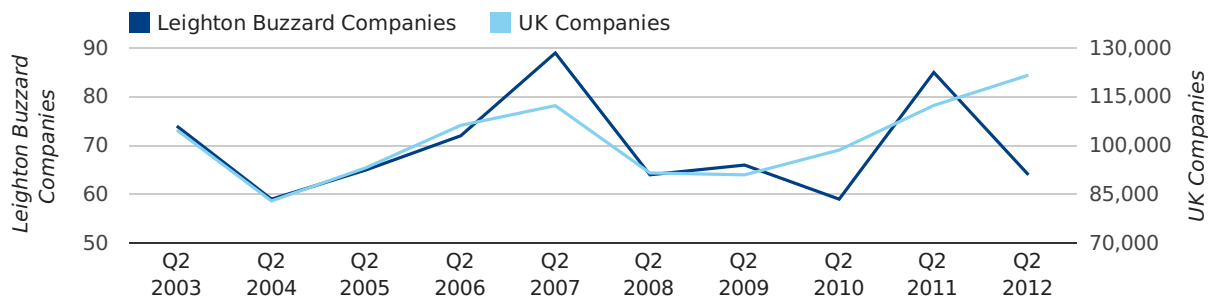
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 64 companies were registered in Leighton Buzzard during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 24.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

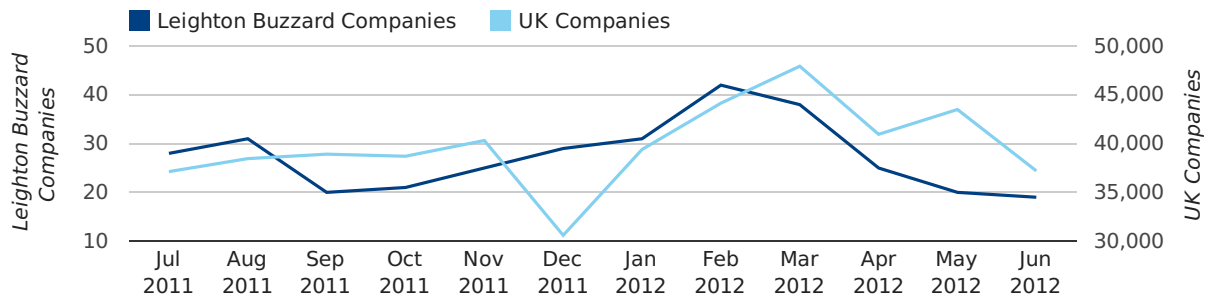
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2012	64	121,659
2011	85	112,344
% CHANGE	-24.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (89)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	25	20	19
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	26	28	31
% CHANGE	-3.8%	-28.6%	-38.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (34)	2011 (28)	2003 (35)

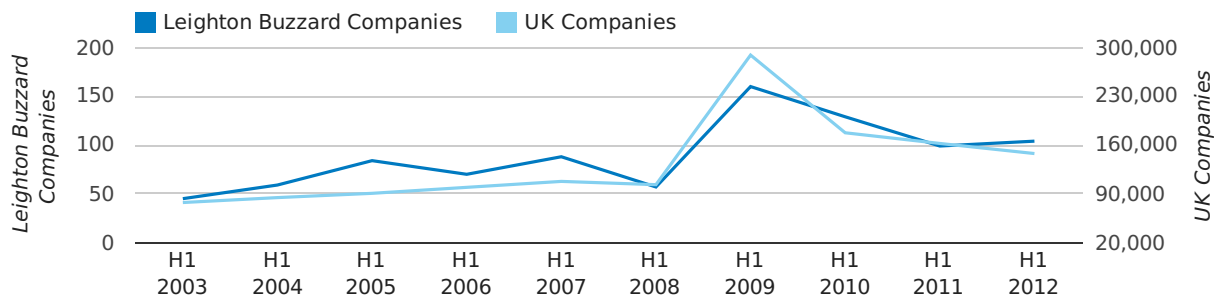
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 104 companies were dissolved in Leighton Buzzard. This figure is 5.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leighton Buzzard occurred in 2009 when a total of 160 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2012	104	147,793
2011	99	162,310
% CHANGE	5.1%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (160)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



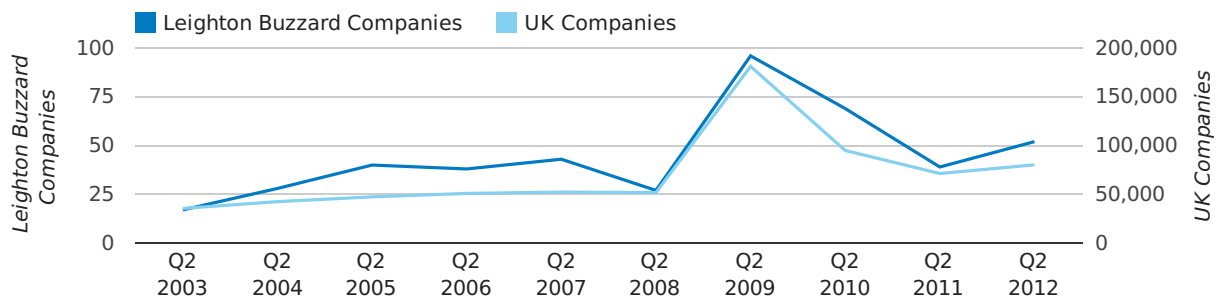
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 52 companies were dissolved in Leighton Buzzard during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 33.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

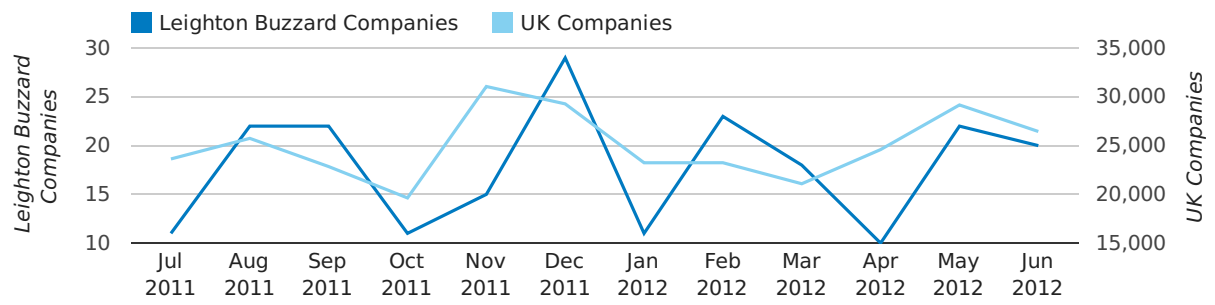
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2012	52	80,217
2011	39	71,324
% CHANGE	33.3%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (96)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



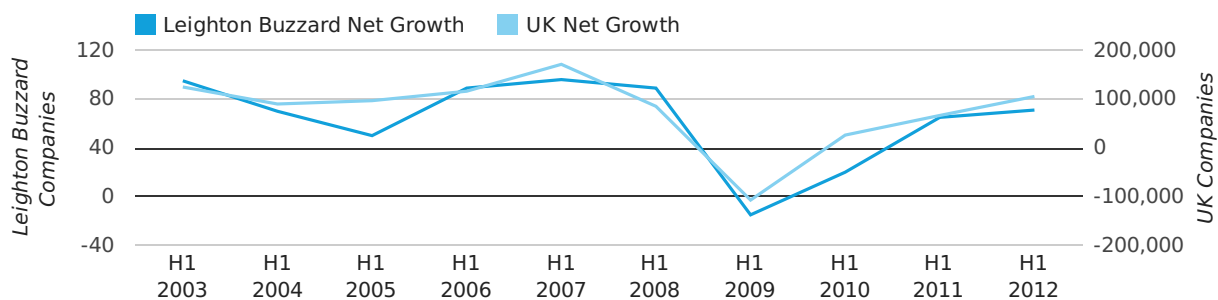
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	10	22	20
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5	22	12
% CHANGE	100.0%	0.0%	67%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (29)	2009 (43)	2009 (34)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Leighton Buzzard increased by 71 companies. This figure is 9.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2012	71	105,357
2011	65	66,425
% CHANGE	9.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (96)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



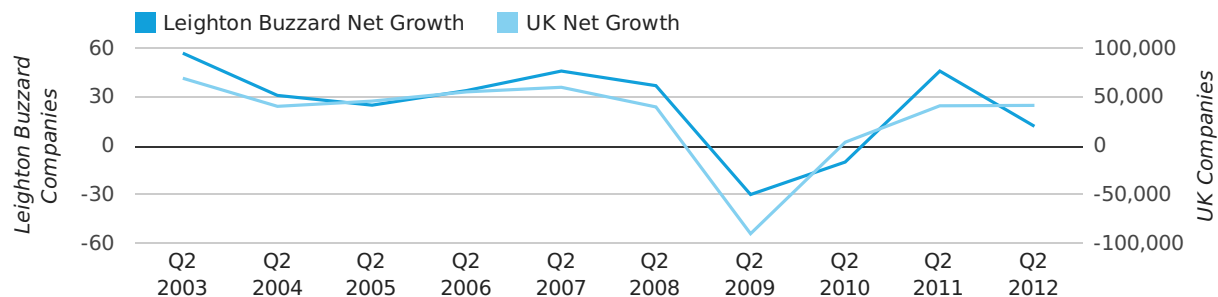
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Leighton Buzzard during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 12 companies.

This represents a decrease of 73.9% on the same period last year.

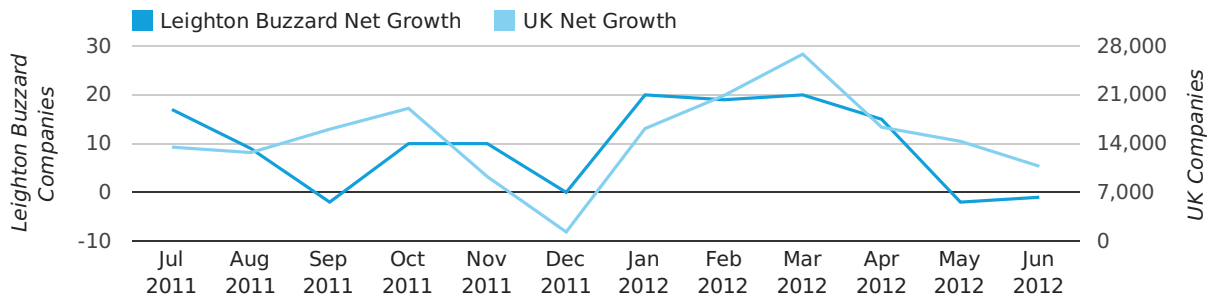
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2012	12	41,442
2011	46	41,020
% CHANGE	-73.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (57)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



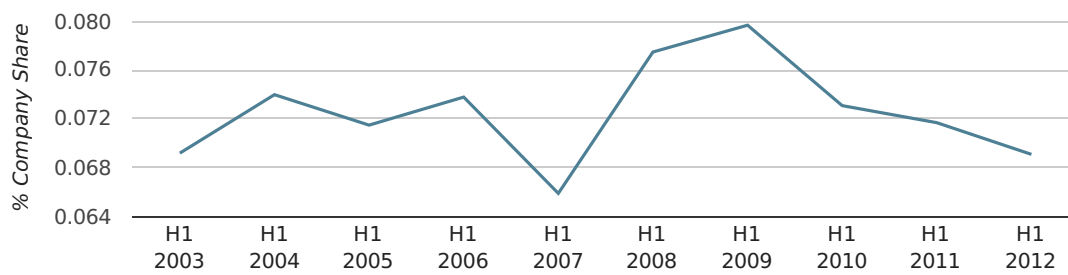
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	15	-2	-1
NET GROWTH IN 2011	21	6	19
% CHANGE	-28.6%	-133.3%	-105.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (28)	2006 (17)	2003 (30)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Leighton Buzzard formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.2%)

company share by half year

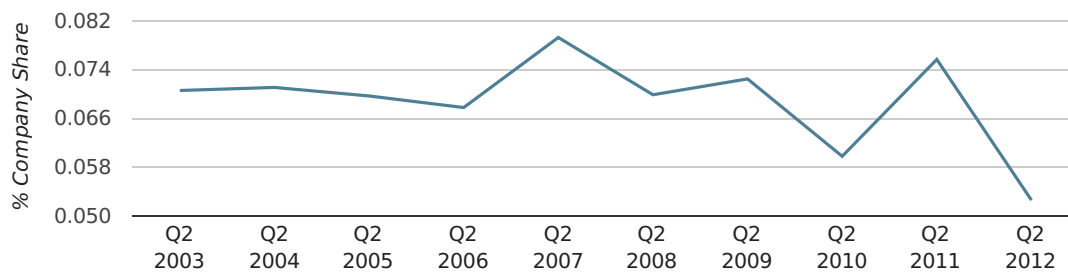


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Leighton Buzzard formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-19.1%	-37.3%	-34.5%
RECORD YEAR	1978 (0.3%)	1961 (0.5%)	1975 (0.2%)

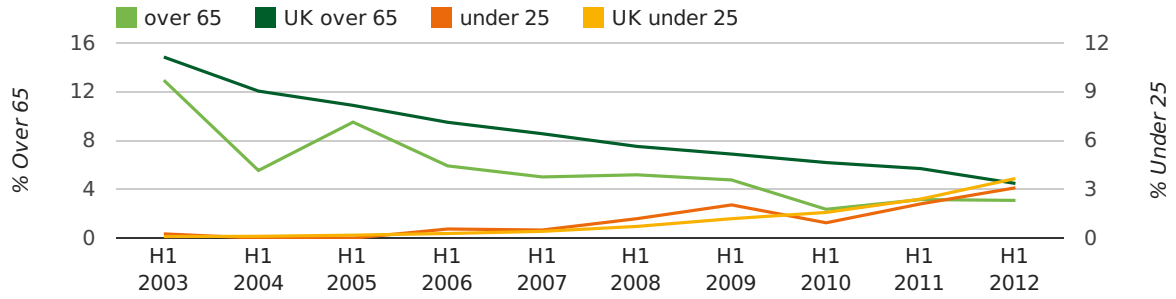
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



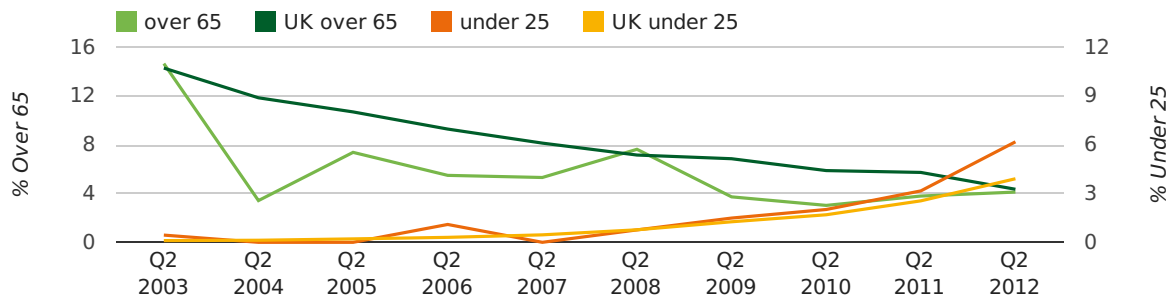
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

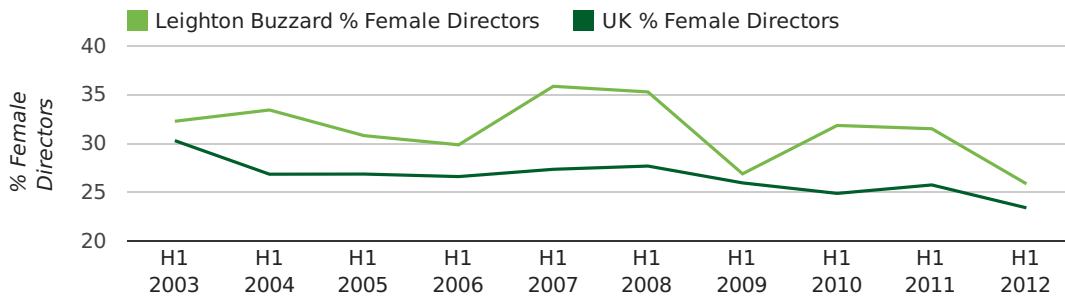


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Leighton Buzzard was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

25.9% of all director appointments in Leighton Buzzard in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year

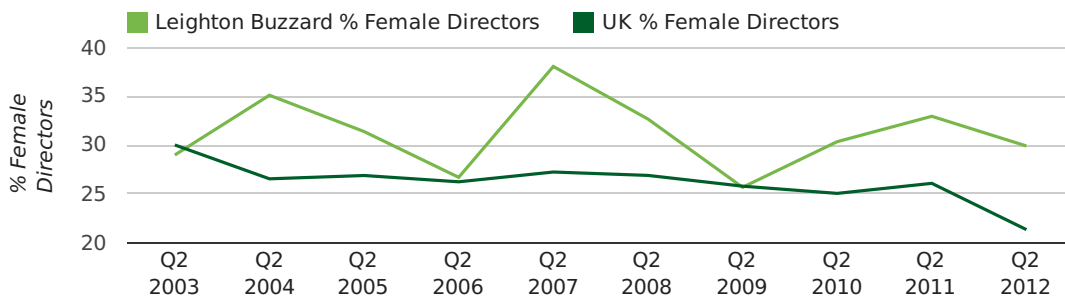


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Leighton Buzzard was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

29.9% of all director appointments in Leighton Buzzard in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	1.75%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	0.95%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
M	0.95%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSTRUCTION	0.95%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	0.79%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	0.79%	DESIGN	1.89%
TRADING	0.63%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CLUB	0.63%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
IT	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
HOUSE	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
PLUMBING	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ENGINEERING	0.63%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.63%	LONDON	1.68%
LONDON	0.63%	J	1.57%
HEATH	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.51%
SPORTS	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
LEISURE	0.48%	IT	1.42%
(GB)	0.48%	CARE	1.31%
CARE	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PROPERTIES	0.48%	M	1.26%
CO	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
DESIGN	0.48%	BUILDING	1.23%
CONSULTANTS	0.48%	SECURITY	1.19%
DIGITAL	0.48%	S	1.18%
ACADEMY	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	153	244,457
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	24	20,390
7487 - Other business activities	19	47,029
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	16	15,280
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	15	35,447
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	10,978
99999 - Dormant Company	13	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	14,220
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	10	8,258
74990 - Non-trading company	9	9,706
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	6,356
9999 - Dormant Company	7	16,469
62012 - Business and domestic software development	6	4,742
7499 - Non-trading company	6	8,023
7011 - Development & sell real estate	6	1,921
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	6	3,818
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926
59112 - Video production activities	5	975
49410 - Freight transport by road	5	2,912