

Freedom of Information – Response –27309

I hope you are well. I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to environmental health in your local authority.

The information requested is as follows:

1. Staffing:

1.1: Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff (including, if possible, agency or contractor staff working in equivalent roles) in your environmental health dept, unit or team in 2019/20 and 2025/26.

1.2. Of the total FTE in your environmental health team, please indicate, for both 2019/20 and 2025/26, the approximate FTE allocated to the following functions:

- Food hygiene/food standards inspections and enforcement*
- Pest control*
- Infectious disease control (including outbreak investigation, liaison with health protection bodies, etc.)*

Note: I appreciate that some staff work across multiple areas. Where possible please apportion their FTE by time spent (e.g. a 1.0 FTE officer spending half their time on food safety and half on housing should be counted as 0.5 in each category). If exact data is not held, please provide the best available estimate used for internal planning, monitoring or statutory reporting - rather than create a new data set.

2. Businesses:

2.1: Number of food businesses (including restaurants and takeaways) registered in the local authority in 2019/20 and 2025/26.

2.2: Number of food businesses (including restaurants and takeaways) inspected in 2019/20 and 2025/26.

2.3: Number of registered food businesses that are eligible for inspection, but which have never been inspected.

2.4: Number of food businesses (including restaurants and takeaways) that failed inspections in 2019/20 and 2025/26.

2.5: Number of enforcement visits to food businesses in the local authority in 2019/20 and 2025/26.

2.6: Number of incidents involving pests (vermin, insects etc) at food businesses in 2019/20 and 2025/26.

2.7: Number of closures of food businesses in 2019/20 and 2025/26 due to enforcement action through a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice.

2.8: Number of prosecutions of food businesses in 2019/20 and 2025/26.

We are writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, it has been established that the information you requested is not held by Suffolk County Council. The Council does not have an environmental health team.

If you have not already done so, then you may wish to write to the Borough and District Councils of Suffolk:

- Babergh Mid Suffolk District Council
[Freedom of Information - Babergh District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk](http://babergh.gov.uk/midsuffolk.gov.uk)
- East Suffolk
https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/home/SearchForm/?url=/home/SearchForm&Search=freedom+of+information&fo=8&action_results=Go
- West Suffolk
<https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Data-and-information/freedom-of-information.cfm>
- Ipswich Borough Council
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