



Ref: FOI / 5974

23rd September 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Food Crime

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. Has your food safety team noticed an increase of food crime complaints since 2016?

No

2. On an estimated average how many food crime complaints have you received per year since 2016?

1 per year average

3. Have you taken any legal action following a complaint about food crime since 2016.

Yes

4. What was the nature of these complaints and the consequences?

Illegal processing in a non-registered food business with food hygiene and traceability offences. Resulted in a successful prosecution. Food business operator received a £6000 fine.

5. What is the most common food crime complaint you receive since 2016?

A small number of food crime complaints are received by the Environmental Health Service. Complaints received include misrepresentation on product labelling

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

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Firstly our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

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98 Strand Road
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
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Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: caserwork@ico.org.uk

I would advise however, the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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