Reference: RFI 1707021



Request:

Under the freedom of information act 2000 I request the following information:

1. The number of menu description* breaches / non compliance recorded at establishments such as restaurants and takeaways inspected in 2016/17 (to date), 2015/16, 2014/15 and 2013/14.

2. Details of the aforementioned establishments including their name and details of the breach / problems found.

a. if possible, please split these into which area of menu description rules was breached - i.e. was it mislabelled as home-made, vegetarian etc.

3. the number of establishments that failed to accurately declare food allergens on their menus (including risks of cross-contamination) in 2016/17 (to date), 2015/16, 2014/15 and 2013/14.

4. Details of the aforementioned establishments including their name and details of the breach / problems found.

5. The total number of establishments under your remit.

* based on trading standards rules, there are regulations about when labelling something 'homemade,' 'fresh,' or 'vegetarian' etc., as well as rules on labelling foods as genetically modified.

Response

The total number of food businesses we currently have on record within North Tyneside is 1428.

In order to answer the remainder of the FOI this will involve interrogating each record as the information is held in the individual inspection letters. This will be in excess of 18 hours even for only 1 year's worth of data.

Therefore this request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

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