

FOI 3253

19th August 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for the period 1 January 2023 to the present day:

The total number of recorded or suspected cases of foodborne illness (e.g. Salmonella, Listeria, Campylobacter, E. coli) presented at your Trust's facilities (e.g. A&E, admissions, GP referrals).

Of these cases, how many were suspected or confirmed to be linked to:

Food purchased from supermarkets

If recorded, please provide:

The date of each such case

The suspected food item

The retailer or food premises involved (if known)

Whether the incident was reported to Environmental Health, the FSA, or another external body

Have any repeat patterns or concerns been flagged by your Trust internally regarding potential links between foodborne illness and specific supermarkets, stores, or locations?

Response:

From 01/01/2023 to present we detected:

Campylobacter: 516

Salmonella: 62

Verotoxin E.coli: 379

We do not test for Listeria or investigate the source/cause. All detections are reported to the Public Health Agency (PHA) foi.pha@hscni.net who will communicate with other necessary bodies for further investigation as appropriate.

With regards to the additional information requested, this information is not held at Trust level but can be sought via PHA.

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