

Food Standards – Supporting notes

FTEs - Important note

In submitting this data local authorities are advised that the numbers of FTE posts provided should reflect the actual proportion of time spent by professional and administrative staff on food hygiene and/or food standard issues. There is, however, no prescriptive guidance given on exactly how that time should be determined and the FSA recognises that figures supplied will often be 'educated estimates'.

The FSA is aware that local authorities calculate the proportion of time using a variety of different methods which means that the validity of making direct local authority to local authority comparisons is limited and any conclusions drawn from doing so must be treated with caution. It is for this reason, that the FSA uses the data only in a generic way to compare year on year figures to look at overall trends in the number of FTEs in local authority food law enforcement services across the UK or in individual countries.

In light of the above, if you intend to use the FTE data for comparison of individual local authorities, we would advise strongly that you contact each authority directly to discuss how their estimates were derived. This will also provide an opportunity to ensure that the data you have is up-to-date.

NR - No interventions due or reported

- (1) County Councils only - see the food hygiene data for the remaining local authorities
- (2) This local authority (together with East Dorset, North Dorset, West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland and Purbeck) formed the new Dorset Council on 1st April 2019, but each LA reported separately for 2018/19
- (3) Food hygiene and food standards written warning data may be reported together - see the food hygiene data
- (4) Food hygiene and food standards data are reported together - see the food hygiene data
- (5) Food hygiene and food standards full time equivalent posts are reported together - see the food hygiene data
- (6) Only deal with food hygiene
- (7) FTEs cover food standards and hygiene work. Error in unrated premises data due to logging error.
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- (9) Potential error in intervention data due to internal database issues
- (10) A high number of unrated premises reported due to change of internal data management system
- (11) All premises to be risk rated in accordance with the Code of Practice as part of forward work programme over the next 5 years. Interventions outstanding have been adjusted in the not yet rated category to reflect the implementation of the current risk assessment
- (12) Intervention data are being checked and may be subject to change