

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/139/1920

**Date:** 16 January 2020

**Request:**

The number of formal enforcement actions taken (ranging from written warnings to prosecutions) relating to food allergy/intolerance. Please include total figures and figures for each local authority for the years:

- (a) 2018 to date
- (b) 2017
- (c) 2016
- (d) 2015
- (e) 2014
- (f) 2013
- (g) 2007

(Please supply information by calendar years, or, if this is not possible, by financial years).

- Full details of breaches in food labelling for the years specified.
- Details of cases that lead to serious injury and/or deaths for the years specified.
- Number of prosecutions and written warnings for the years specified.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 16 July 2019. Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response in relation to your request.

1: The number of formal enforcement actions taken relating to food allergy / intolerance from 2015 to date (I took date to mean the original date of her email 16 July 2019)

***No formal enforcement actions have been taken specifically relating to food allergy / intolerance during this period.***

2: Full details of breaches in food labelling for the years specified:

***From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 until the original date of the email 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - 1704 Food Standards Inspections have been undertaken.***

***Whilst Mid and East Antrim Borough Council do hold information in relation to breaches, it is not held in a manner that allows for the electronic extraction of the data. The specific information which you have requested is held in a manner which would require a manual interrogation of over 1704 inspection records.***

***The cost of the search would exceed the £450 prescribed limit for local government, therefore Council is not required to provide the information requested as per Section 12 Freedom of Information Act 2000. Under Section 12 of the Act, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit as previously mentioned.***

3: Details of cases that led to serious injury and / or deaths for the year specified:

***None***

4: Number of prosecutions and written warnings for the years specified:

***This information is available to the requester online via the following link <https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/local-authorities> under the Local Authority Enforcement System Data Section.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/139/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.