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REQUEST

Please provide the following information:

1. Your policies/ internal guidelines/ procedures for the handling of 'whistleblowing' complaints for the purposes of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998.
2. Your policies/ internal guidelines/ procedures for the handling of complaints relating to breaches of 'food law' (as defined by Regulation 178/2002).
3. The number of food business premises registered with your local authority; and the number of approved food business premises within your authority.
4. The total number of disclosures received between 1/1/2006 and 31/12/2010 relating to breaches of 'food law' (as defined in Regulation 178/2002), and a breakdown, by year, of when these disclosures were received.
 - a. Please provide details of whether each individual contacted you on an anonymous, confidential, or self identified basis
 - b. Please provide a brief summary of the types of concerns raised and the outcomes, and if possible a breakdown, by statutory provision.
 - c. Whether any action was taken following these disclosures, and in particular whether such disclosures led to formal enforcement action. In the event that formal enforcement action was taken, please provide details of the type of formal action taken.
 - d. Whether information was passed on to another food authority and specify whether the concern was monitored by you following referral.
5. Whether any information derived from disclosures was received from other regulators (including, but not limited to, the Food Standards Agency and other food authorities (as defined in the Food Safety Act 1990 section 5)).
 - a. Please provide a brief summary of the types of concerns raised and the outcomes, and if possible a breakdown, by statutory provision.
 - b. Whether any action was taken following these disclosures, and in particular whether such disclosures led to formal enforcement action. In the event that formal enforcement action was taken, please provide details of the type of formal action taken.
6. Please provide information as to the number of Employment Tribunal claim forms referred to you (for all functions in relation to which you are prescribed) following commencement of the Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Amendment Regulations) 2010 on 06/04/2010
 - a. Please provide an overview of the type of organisation the individual works in, the concern raised and the action taken by you (if appropriate). If the information was passed on to another food authority please indicate this and specify whether the concern was monitored by you following referral.

RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request received on 5 July 2012 and subsequent clarification received on 12 July, please find below the answers to your enquiry.

1. Policy on whistle blowing complaints – we do not have a specific policy but please see our general Whistleblowing policy attached.
2. Policy on food complaints – see attachment
3. Number of food premises in district -1122
4. Total number of disclosures each year
 - i. 2006 = 0
 - ii. 2007 = 2
 - iii. 2008 = 0
 - iv. 2009 = 1
 - v. 2010 = 4

4a-d In date order

- 1 Confidential, redating of stock, letter sent, no reference to external food authority
 - 2 Confidential, poor state of kitchen, EHO visit. No reference to external food authority
 - 3 Confidential, is premises registered, registration form sent, no reference to external food authority
 - 4 Confidential, relabeling of food, EHO visit, no reference to external food authority
 - 5 Confidential, leaving stock exposed, EHO contact, no reference to external food authority
 - 6 Confidential, poor hygiene practices, EHO visit, no reference to external food authority
 - 7 Confidential, poor general conditions, EHO visit, no reference to external food authority
5. No information came from other regulators
 6. No Employment Tribunal Claim forms have been received.