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Dear Mr Nelson

### **Epsom and Ewell Council Food Hygiene Interventions Delivery**

As part of the Food Standards Agency local authority performance monitoring process I am contacting you regarding your Authority's 2018/19 LAEMs return for Food Hygiene. The Authority has reported that 257 due interventions had been delivered but also that there was a shortfall of 49 in the number of interventions required under the Food Law Code of Practice. Sampling levels also appeared to be relatively low.

The Agency has a responsibility to ensure local authorities deliver controls in accordance with the Food Law Code of Practice and I would therefore request that the Authority reviews food hygiene controls delivery and ensures that it puts in place and resources an action plan to deliver the following within 2019/20;

- Eliminate the backlog of interventions reported in the recent LAEMS return.
- Ensure the Authority maintains the frequency of due food hygiene interventions.
- Highlight within the Service Delivery Plan and to those who approved the plan that the Agency has contacted the Authority to express its concerns the Authority is not meeting the minimum standard of interventions required.

If the Authority is unable to deliver any food hygiene controls to the level required by the Food Law Code of Practice I would be request that you inform me as soon as possible.

Regards

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