

**Public Protection (food & safety)**

**Food Premises Inspection Report**

Name of business:	The Food Vault NR3
Address of food business:	98 Silver Road Norwich, NR3 4TE
Date of inspection:	10/03/2026
Risk rating reference:	26/00221/FOOD
Premises reference:	23/00302/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	Main Kitchen, Servery
Records examined:	SFBB, Temperature Control Records
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Restaurant

**Relevant Legislation**

Food Safety Act 1990 (as amended)  
 Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 applied by The General Food Regulations 2004 (as amended)  
 Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 and No 853/2004 applied by Regulation 19 (1) of the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013  
 Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and related regulations  
 Food Information Regulations 2014

**What you must do to comply with the law**

The report may include **Contraventions** - matters which do not comply with the law. You must address all of the contraventions identified; failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against you.

As a guide, contraventions relating to cleaning, temperature control and poor practice, should be dealt with straight away.

Contraventions relating to structural repairs, your food safety management system and staff training, should be completed within the next 2 months.

Health and safety contraventions should be dealt with within 3 months unless otherwise stated.

To assist you the report may also include **Observations** of current practice, useful **Information, Recommendations** of good practice and reminders of **Legal Requirements**.

My inspection was not intended to identify every contravention of the law and only covers those areas, practices and procedures examined at the time of the inspection. If the report fails to mention a particular matter this does not mean you have necessarily complied with the law.

## FOOD SAFETY

### How we calculate your Food Hygiene Rating:

The food safety section has been divided into the three areas which you are scored against for the hygiene rating: 1. food hygiene and safety procedures, 2. structural requirements and 3. confidence in management/control procedures. Each section begins with a summary of what was observed and the score you have been given. Details of how these scores combine to produce your overall food hygiene rating are shown in the table.

Compliance Area	You Score					
Food Hygiene and Safety	0	5	10	15	20	25
Structure and Cleaning	0	5	10	15	20	25
Confidence in management & control systems	0	5	10	15	20	30
<b>Your Total score</b>	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
<b>Your Worst score</b>	5	10	10	15	20	-
<b>Your Rating is</b>	5	4	3	2	1	0



Your Food Hygiene Rating is 4 - a good standard

### 1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are high. You demonstrated a very good standard of compliance with legal requirements. You have safe food handling practices and procedures and all the necessary control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. Some minor contraventions require your attention. **(5)**

#### Contamination risks

**Contravention** Food was not protected from general sources of contamination:

- green cutting boards were badly scored and need replacing

**Legal requirement** At all stages of production, processing and distribution, food must be protected from any contamination likely to render it unfit for human consumption, injurious to health or contaminated in such a way that it would be unreasonable to expect it to be consumed in that state.

#### Handwashing

**Observation** I was pleased to see handwashing was well managed.

#### Personal Hygiene

**Observation** I was pleased to see that standards of personal hygiene were high.

## Temperature Control

**Observation** I was pleased to see you were able to limit bacterial growth and/or survival by applying appropriate temperature controls at points critical to food safety and that you were monitoring temperatures.

## Unfit food

**Contravention** Unfit food was found on your premises and was immediately disposed of because it was:

- chicken curry was being stored beyond its USE BY date of 9/3

**Recommendation** You should have a system to identify when open or prepared foods need to be used by or discarded, to ensure the food is fit for consumption. I recommend you apply labels which give a day or date that is 2 days after the day of production e.g. if food is opened on Monday, it should be used by the end of Wednesday. (An exception is cooked rice which should not be kept longer than 24 hours)

## **2. Structure and Cleaning**

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are all of a good standard and only minor repairs and/or improvements are required. Pest control and waste disposal provisions are adequate. The minor contraventions require your attention. **(5)**

### Cleaning of Structure

**Contravention** The following items were dirty and require more frequent and thorough cleaning:

- pipework
- walls

**Recommendation** Housekeeping could be greatly improved. Remove redundant items and equipment from food rooms, tidy away miscellaneous objects into drawers and boxes and keep work surfaces and the floor clear for ease of cleaning and disinfection.

**Contravention** The following items could not be effectively cleaned and must be covered, made non-absorbent or replaced:

- untreated mdf or wooden shelving

### Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

**Contravention** The following items are dirty and must be cleaned:

- interior to microwave
- underneath towel dispenser
- cooker hob

## Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

**Observation** I was pleased to see that the premises was kept clean and that your cleaning materials, methods and equipment were able to minimise the spread of harmful bacteria between surfaces.

## Maintenance

**Contravention** The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- flaking paint to pipework
- damage to flooring

## Pest Control

**Observation** You have a pest control contract in place and there is no evidence of pest activity on the premises.

## **3. Confidence in Management**

There are generally satisfactory food safety controls in place although there is evidence of some non-compliance with the law. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed. **(10)**

## Type of Food Safety Management System Required

**Observation** You had colour-coded equipment and effective separation between raw and ready-to-eat food at all stages in your operation.

**Observation** Your SFBB/food safety management system was in place and working well. I was confident you had effective control over hazards to food.

**Observation** You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers

## Safer Food Better Business that works

**Contravention** The Management sections in your Safer food Better Business (SFBB) pack are intended to demonstrate you are in day-to-day control of the hazards to food. The following Management sections were either missing, incomplete or not up-to-date:

- suppliers list
- contacts list not
- cleaning schedule
- opening checks not done on day of inspection
- training records/supplier lists add yourself to the training lists

**Observation** It states in your pack that the cleaning schedule has been completed

### Traceability

**Observation** Your records were such that food could easily be traced back to its supplier.

### Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

**Observation** Policies were in place to prevent any infected food handler from contaminating food.

### Waste Food and other Refuse

**Observation** You had measures in place to dispose of waste food appropriately and were employing the services of an approved waste contractor.

### Training

**Observation** I was pleased to see that food handlers had been trained to an appropriate level and evidence of their training was made available.

### Allergens

**Observation** You had identified the presence of allergens in your non-prepacked food and had brought this to the attention of your customers.