

**Public Protection (food & safety)**

**Food Premises Inspection Report**

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Name of business:	House Cafe
Address of food business:	52 St Benedicts Street Norwich NR2 4AR
Date of inspection:	23/09/2020
Risk rating reference:	20/00243/FOOD
Premises reference:	20/00313/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Restaurant or cafe
Areas inspected:	Main Kitchen, Dry Store
Records examined:	None
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. **(Score 5)**

#### Contamination risks

**Observation** I was pleased to see you were able to demonstrate effective controls to prevent cross-contamination.

#### Hand-washing

**Contravention** The following indicated that hand-washing was not suitably managed::

- No water to the wash hand basin however there was an alternative sink for handwashing available

**Legal Requirement** Wash hand basins must be provided with hot and cold running water and suitable drainage; soap and a hygienic way to dry hands.

## Personal Hygiene

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

## Unfit food

**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 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 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. **(Score 5)**

### Cleaning of Structure

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

- Treads to the ladder to fire escape
- Flooring underneath equipment
- Miscellaneous items were being stored on floor underneath equipment

**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.

### Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

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

- Seals to the 3 x door under counter fridge
- Electric fly killer

### 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:

- Split seals to 3 x door under counter fridge
- Walls to cellar need repainting

### Pest Control

**Observation** I was pleased to see that the premises was proofed against the entry of pests and that pest control procedures were in place.

## **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. **(Score 10)**

### Type of Food Safety Management System Required

**Contravention** You do not have a food safety management system. Implement Safer Food Better Business or an equivalent food safety management system.:

- You were using the previous owners Safer Food Better Business pack

**Legal Requirement** Food business operators must put in place, implement and maintain a permanent procedure or procedures based on HACCP principles:

- Identify hazards to food.
- Identify the critical limits (what is acceptable and unacceptable).
- Monitor critical control points to ensure critical limits are met.
- Keep appropriate records to demonstrate control measures are effective.

**Legal Requirement** Ensure that your food safety management system is available on site so your staff can refer to your procedures and so that daily records of checks can be completed.

**Information** You can download a Safer Food Better Business pack and refill diary pages from the FSA website: [www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/sfbb](http://www.food.gov.uk/business-industry/caterers/sfbb)

**Information** As you are a new business you have been given the benefit of the doubt despite your food safety management system not fully complying with the law. You

must act on this now as your hygiene rating score will be reduced to a maximum of 1 if there is a similar situational at the next visit.

**Recommendation** Choose Safer Food Better Business as your food safety management system. It is simple to implement and requires a minimum amount of record keeping.

**Recommendation** You can buy a printed copy of Safer Food Better Business or a diary refill pack via our website [www.norwich.gov.uk/sfbb](http://www.norwich.gov.uk/sfbb)

### Traceability

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

### 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.

### Infection Control / Sickness / Exclusion Policy

**Guidance** Public Health England recommends that food handlers known or suspected to be suffering from a food-borne infection or gastrointestinal illness stay away from work until symptom-free for 48 hours.

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

### Allergens

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

**Observation** You had devised a chart listing all the food you provide with the allergens present in each and had brought this to the attention of your staff and customers.

