



**Public Protection (food & safety)**

**Food Premises Inspection Report**

Name of business:	Spurgeons Butchers
Address of food business:	101 Unthank Road Norwich NR2 2PE
Date of inspection:	03/11/2023
Risk rating reference:	23/00813/FOOD
Premises reference:	17400/0101/0/000
Type of premises:	Butcher retailing RTE foods
Areas inspected:	All
Records examined:	Temperature Control Records, FSMS, Cleaning Schedule
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Butcher

**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

**Contravention** The following exposed food to the general risk of cross-contamination with bacteria or allergens or its physical contamination with dirt, foreign objects or chemicals:

- Reusable cloth was being used for wiping down a fridge and a counter-top. As discussed, use single-use cloths wherever possible, and throw them away after each task. This will ensure that any bacteria picked up by the cloth will not be spread. Always use a new or freshly cleaned cloth to wipe work surfaces, equipment or utensils that will be used with ready-to-eat foods.

**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.

**Recommendation** Complex equipment (e.g. vacuum packers, slicers, mincers) should be labelled or colour coded so all staff are aware of its designated use for either raw or ready-to-eat foods.

**Information** Complex equipment (vacuum packer) should be labelled or colour coded so all staff are aware of its designated use for either raw or ready-to-eat foods. You vacuum packer is used for raw meat only.

### Hand-washing

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

- The wash hand basin was not in regular use. A food handler was observed using the equipment wash sink for hand washing. Use the dedicated wash hand basin for handwashing.

**Legal Requirement** An adequate number of wash hand basins must be available for use, they must be suitably located and designated for cleaning hands.

### Personal Hygiene

**Contravention** The following are examples of poor personal hygiene or where it was made difficult for food handlers to maintain sufficiently high standards of personal cleanliness:

- Staff were hanging protective clothing together with personal clothing. This presents a risk of protective clothing being cross contaminated by unclean personal clothing. Personal and protective clothing should be stored in a separate areas.

### Temperature Control

**Guidance** There are 2 exemptions from temperature control requirements (providing all other food safety requirements are met):

1. Cooked pies and pasties containing meat, fish or vegetables or any combination of these, encased in pastry, to (which nothing has been added after baking) and uncut sausage rolls that are intended to be sold on the day of production or the next day.
2. Uncut baked egg and milk pastry products e.g. custard tarts and Yorkshire curd tarts, intended for sale within 24 hours of production

### 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 cooked rice which should not be kept longer than 24 hours)

## Poor Practices

**Contravention** The following matters represented poor practice and if allowed to continue may cause food to become contaminated or lead to its deterioration:

- Although you appear to have a stock rotation procedure in place, you were unable to provide any shelf-life documentation showing the length of time food should be kept for. It was noted that high risk foods, which were stored in the chilled display cabinet, i.e, open pies, sausage rolls, steak pies, etc, are being given a 4 day shelf-life. It is suggested that you reduce the shelf-life of these foods to 2 days after production or follow the manufacturer's instruction.

## **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

**Observation** The kitchen had been well maintained and the standard of cleaning was good.

### Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

**Observation** You had dedicated equipment for the preparation of raw and for ready-to-eat foods.

### Cleaning Chemicals / Materials / Equipment and Methods

**Guidance** Even when using a surface sanitiser you should be following the TWO STAGE cleaning method. Apply the sanitiser once to remove visible dirt and food debris and then a second time to ensure effective disinfection. Make sure you follow the correct contact time for the product.

### Maintenance

**Observation** You are maintaining the premises in good condition.

### Facilities and Structural provision

**Observation** I was pleased to see the premises had been well maintained and that adequate facilities had been provided.

## 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

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

**Observation** You were monitoring (and recording) the temperatures of your fridges and freezers as well as the temperature of cooked/hot-held food and could demonstrate effective systems for controlling bacterial growth and survival.

#### Food Hazard Identification and Control

**Contravention** The control methods you have put in place at the following critical control points are not sufficient::

- Stock rotation.
- Handwashing.
- Cross contamination of protective clothing.

#### 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

**Recommendation** A Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering or its equivalent (a 6-hour course leading to the award of a recognised certificate in food hygiene) would be appropriate for your food handlers. Booking details for the equivalent CIEH course are on our website: [www.norwich.gov.uk](http://www.norwich.gov.uk)

**Recommendation** Catering staff should refresh their food hygiene knowledge every 3 years so that they stay up to date with current legislation and good practice. Booking details for this course are on our website: [www.norwich.gov.uk](http://www.norwich.gov.uk)

**Observation** I was unable to view training records for food handlers.

## 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.