

Commercial Team: reflecting on 2023/24

The Food, Health and Safety functions at SKDC support residents to live happy, safe and thriving lives. They support the economy, protect the environment and ensure public health and safety across South Kesteven

The Environmental Health Commercial Team supports new businesses in early planning stages, offers business grants, and facilitates food export approvals

A few examples from the last year include:

SKDC supported Grantham's Moy Park to bring British cooked poultry meat products to Japanese tables

The team is involved in a large cold store facility opening at Easton, near Grantham

Facilitated support for businesses through the Council's Economic Development team

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has been overcome

The amount of new home-based catering businesses has reduced to pre-pandemic levels

We have worked with SKDC across a number of areas and we have always felt a very supportive and collaborative approach. From routine visits to developing and achieving approval to export product into Japan, it has always been a 'can do' and progressive relationship - Moy Park (Grantham)

LOCKDOWN

The District is home to 145 skin piercing premises and 330 individual operators

Health and Safety is enforced in around 2310 premises

52 notifications of infectious diseases

74 private water supplies are monitored by SKDC

13 enforcement notices

Two food businesses were prosecuted with non-compliance. Fines for both totalled nearly **£40,000**

542 food hygiene inspections taken place

82% of food businesses achieve a top food hygiene rating

SKDC's team is full of knowledge and has provided contacts for further support and advice. I was left most satisfied that everything is performed to a high standard and feel that the whole process was efficient as well as thorough - Jade's Farm Shop (Burton-le-Coggles)

The inspector from SKDC took the time to explain exactly what it was that I needed and the best way to go about this. They were very easy to work with and are there to help and support - not to catch you out - 23 Coffee (Bourne)

During 2023/24, 100% of new businesses received a '3' rating or higher at their first inspection