

FOI Ref

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(CCC) Sampling of Food (Honey)

1. How many honey samples has your Authority taken in the past few years
2. if samples were taken, then How many were formal and how many were informal was this part of a programme or a one off?
did the results of analysis lead to further action, if so, briefly what (investigation, prosecution etc)
3. If no samples were taken, then in the light of the current concerns about Honey Fraud, are you planning to undertake any sampling of Honey in the future?
4. Is sampling planned in the future
5. are there any baulks to sampling – financial, staffing, etc

Response:

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

1. 0
2. N/A
- 3, 4, 5 We sample foodstuffs to a programme set by the UKHSA Food, Water and Environment department. This would test for microbiological contamination of foodstuffs of interest. We also sample in case of outbreak, etc, but testing for microbiological contamination. Cambridge City Council is not a unitary council and Trading Standards at the Cambs County Council would deal with food that is not of the nature, substance or quality. Your questions may be better directed to Trading Standards than Environmental Health. The webpage for Cambs County Council Trading Standards is here: [Trading Standards - Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

We aim to provide a high quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk
