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(CCC) Food business registrations

I've recently been in touch with the Food Standards Agency as I am researching home based food businesses, many of which were created during the pandemic. I am trying to get hold of actual numbers of registrations to determine the size of the market (I work for an early-stage small Fundtech start-up). The FSA have informed me that:

"Businesses do not register with the FSA and the responsibility for maintaining an up to date list of registered businesses lies with Local Authorities, which each maintain an up-to-date list of registered food business establishments within their area. Lists of registered food businesses are a matter of public record and are available on request from each local authority."

Please can you provide me with the number of home-based food business registrations you currently hold in Cambridge? Or a list of businesses?

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.

Cambridge City Council has 255 registered home caterer businesses: these are marked as 'private and included' on the Food Hygiene Rating System (FHRS) register. Please note that this will include mobile businesses with a registration in place at a domestic property address.

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