

Public Protection (food & safety)
Food Premises Inspection Report

Name of business:	The Plasterers Arms
Address of food business:	43 Cowgate Norwich NR3 1SZ
Date of inspection:	10/03/2025
Risk rating reference:	25/00226/FOOD
Premises reference:	17/00233/FD_HS
Type of premises:	Public House with catering
Areas inspected:	Servery, Cellar
Records examined:	FSMS
Details of samples procured:	None
Summary of action taken:	Informal
General description of business:	Public House (wet sales only)

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
Your Total score	0 - 15	20	25 - 30	35 - 40	45 - 50	> 50
Your Worst score	5	10	10	15	20	-
Your Rating is	5	4	3	2	1	0

Your Food Hygiene Rating is 2 - improvement is necessary



1. Food Hygiene and Safety

Food hygiene standards are generally satisfactory and maintained. There is evidence of some non-compliance with legal requirements. Some lapses are evident however generally you have satisfactory food handling practices and procedures and adequate control measures to prevent cross-contamination are in place. The contraventions require your attention; although not critical to food safety they may become so if not addressed.
(Score 10)

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:

- green cutting board was badly scored and needs replacing
- scourer badly worn

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.

Hand-washing

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

- it takes a very long time for hot water to be produced at the sink tap

Personal Hygiene

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

2. Structure and Cleaning

The structure facilities and standard of cleaning and maintenance are less than satisfactory and you are failing to comply with the law in many respects. Contraventions require your immediate attention as some are critical to food safety. We may revisit your business and if standards have not improved take formal enforcement action. **(Score 15)**

Cleaning of Structure

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

- sink behind bar
- flooring to bar
- flooring to cellar
- visible mould to cellar walls
- walls behind bar

Mould in Cellar

Information Regulations and legislation around cellar management

The Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations 1995 covers not only food but also beverages such as beer and wine. Under the regulations, a cellar must have the same hygiene standards as are expected in a kitchen.

This could include:

- Ensuring the structure of the cellar is in good order and condition.
- The correct cellar temperature should be maintained at all times.

Suitable and sufficient ventilation should be present.

Cleaning of Equipment and Food Contact Surfaces

Contravention The following surfaces and equipment in contact with food were dirty and/or could not be cleaned and require cleaning or discarding:

- nozzle to post mix dispenser
- interior to bottle skip

Maintenance

Contravention The following had not been suitably maintained and must be repaired or replaced:

- split seals to fridges behind bar

Facilities and Structural provision

Observation I was pleased to see 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)**

Food Hazard Identification and Control

Contravention The following pre-requisites have not been met and this means that your food safety management system will be ineffective:

- cleaning and sanitation are poor

Proving Your Arrangements are Working Well

Contravention The following are needed in order to demonstrate your food safety management system is working:

- cleaning schedule
- maintenance recording

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.

Allergens

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

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

Matters of evident concern

Falls from Height/ stairs/ cellars (FALLS)

Contravention The following matters exposed staff and/or the public to the risk of injury as a consequence of a fall from height:

- no safety barrier to cellar hatch behind bar

Information The HSE has guidance on the controlling the risk of falls from height
www.hse.gov.uk