

Reporting suspected food poisoning

Food poisoning is an illness caused by eating contaminated food. It's not usually serious and most people get better within a few days without treatment.

The symptoms of food poisoning usually begin within one to two days after eating contaminated food, although they may start at any point between a few hours and several weeks later.

For more details and advice on when to see your GP please check the **NHS Choices** website.

The Health Protection Team will only look into complaints of food poisoning in the following instances:

- 1) Where we have received laboratory confirming food poisoning. You can contact your GP to arrange this.
- 2) Where a person has food poisoning and works handling food.
- 3) Where we have multiple cases of illness not contained within a family unit. Please be aware that food poisoning bacteria have different incubation times (the time from eating the food to becoming ill) and are often associated with certain food types. It is important to realise therefore, that the last meal you ate may not be the cause of your symptoms.

PLEASE NOTE: ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS WILL NOT BE INVESTIGATED



Your report

Where did you purchase the food?

*(Please give the **full** address of the premises where food was purchased)*

What did you eat?

(Please tell us what you ate before falling ill)

What are your symptoms?

(Please give us a brief outline of your symptoms)

When did the symptoms start and end?

Start:

Finish:

Have you visited your GP?

Yes

No

Your contact details

This information will only be used by the local authority to contact you about your issue, and all information is taken in confidence. To fully investigate the issue it may be necessary to contact you to seek clarification.

Full name

Address

Postcode

Telephone number

Additional telephone number

Email

Please send your completed report to: food@shropshire.gov.uk

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