

FOI REF:	14599
RESPONSE SENT:	06/09/2024

Request:

I am writing to request information on expenditure data, in particular annual expenditure data on Food safety, as a spending stream of Environmental and Regulatory services.

I am analysing data from the PLDR:

[Cultural, Environmental, Regulatory and Planning Services individual spending lines \(R05\) \(FIN 07 61\) | Place-based Longitudinal Data Resource \(pldr.org\)](#)

This data uses expenditure data from the RO5:

[Local authority revenue expenditure and financing England: 2017 to 2018 individual local authority data - outturn - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

In both data several local authorities report negative values for Total or Gross Food safety expenditure. Winchester reports negative value in the year 2017/18. I was hoping to understand why this might be, and what exactly does it mean when a LA has a negative expenditure. Any information you could provide for this would be much appreciated.

Response:

You asked, "Winchester reports negative value in the year 2017/18. I was hoping to understand why this might be, and what exactly does it mean when a LA has a negative expenditure."

Having consulted with our Finance team this appears to be caused by incorrect recharging. I have therefore been advised that our response is that costs have not been correctly apportioned within Regulatory Services which has caused the negative figure within food safety. I was not the manager of the team at that time and so do not know why this occurred. The previous manager no-longer works for Winchester City Council.

