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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Gareth Ratcliffe
Subject:	Scores on the doors process
Question To:	County Councillor Richard Church Cabinet Member for a Safer Powys

Question:

Following comments from local businesses that since the pandemic there is a perception that PCC have changed the criteria of assessing food businesses and are scoring lower. This is despite the same processes as before the pandemic on logging data. Also in some cases businesses have invested heavily in to new equipment and improving processes in ensuring they can get the maximum score of 5 when visited by EHO. Whist I fully understand the need and total support the process to ensure food safety is kept to the highest standard. Following the comments I reviewed Hay-on-Wye's scores and since the pandemic it does show a drop in scores that have been inspected compared to the ones before.

Pre pandemic scores

1 to 3 = 8%

4 = 25%

5 = 67%

Post pandemic

1 to 3 = 35%

4 = 25%

5 = 41%

This shows a drop in the 5 scores of 26% and an increase in the lower scores 1 to 3 of 27%

Can the portfolio holder confirm if there have been any changes to the inspection criteria and system and what support are PCC offering to businesses to help them increase their scores. It would also be helpful for a briefing for members to understand the process around the scores on the doors and how we can support our businesses in our communities.