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good standards of cleanliness and food safety training within food premises in the Vale. "This was a serious issue, which put the safety of the public at risk but fortunately we have seen a good result here. "I'm pleased to say that overall the standards of food hygiene within the Vale are good, with 90% receiving a four or five star rating under the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme however we would always encourage residents to look out for the green and black food hygiene sticker in the window when selecting a place to eat." In 2013 Roosters Piri Piri also found itself in trouble with the authorities after immigration enforcement officers found a Pakistani man illegally working there.