

Rat-infestation sandwich firm owner hit with fines

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Mohammed Patel of Deli Sensi admitted 17 food hygiene offences relating to premises on Field Lane, Batley, and Bretton Street, Dewsbury. The Field Lane premises were closed by environmental health officers in October 2015 after rat droppings were found in the food production area.

The site was also found to be in a filthy condition, with no hot water on site and a serious risk of cross contamination. The Bretton Street premises was inspected in January this year, where officers found inadequate temperature control of high-risk foods and incorrect labeling of sandwich use-by-dates.

Sentenced at Leeds Crown Court, Patel was fined £4,250 in total, given a six-month custodial sentence, suspended for two years, ordered to do 200 hours unpaid work and prohibited from managing any food business in future.

