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Q1 Which of your hospitals have on site kitchens?

A1 Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital - We have two kitchens on site one for our CF patients and one for our private patients, for the remaining areas we have a steam meal system provide by our external catering company. They also employ the chefs in our two kitchens on site and provide food and some additional special dietary meals to our patients.

Q2 For those without on-site kitchens do you buy in your hospital meals from suppliers or do you prepare and cook the patient meals in your hospitals?

A2 The company prepare and cook in the kitchens and they purchase all the food

Q3 Who is responsible for the catering in your individual hospitals?

A3 An External catering provider – Medirest

Q4 Does this company also manage your visitor and staff catering?

A4 We have limited facilities for staff and visitors, beverage vending machines, not provided by the catering provider

Q5 What branded visitor catering cafes/restaurants do you have operating at your hospitals?

A5 We currently have no cafe or restaurant facilities

Q6 How much do you spend per patient per day on hospital meals in 2014 how does this compare to now 2015?

A6 It has been £4.94 since 2014 and is still currently the same price

Q7 What percentage of this do you spend on food and beverage purchases for hospital meals?

A7 We spend the full amount of the meal costs on patients meals and beverages

Q8 How many patient meals do you serve daily in your hospitals?

A8 Patient hot meals daily is between 110 and 130 meals. Hot meals vary at night due to patients discharged or not feeling well enough to eat when its tea time.

Q9 How many visitor meals do you serve daily in your hospitals?

- A9 Information not held - we do not provide visitors meals
- Q10 How many staff meals do you serve daily in your hospitals?
- A10 Information not held - we do not provide staff meals
- Q11 From which food distributors do you buy your food and beverages?
- A11 Information not held - our catering provider has an approved list of suppliers and they purchase food and beverages on our behalf for patients. Beverage machines are stocked by the company we have a contract with Manchester vending company.