

Reference Number: FOI/2020/200
From: Private Individual
Date: 21 July 2020
Subject: Food waste generated by the Trust per site

Q1 Do you prepare all catering for patients and visitors in-house or outsourced or buy in precooked meals per site, please state sites details for the all requested information below.

Q2 If catering is outsourced please provider contractors details

A1- Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 -
A2 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

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Q3 Please explain in detail process involved in disposal of food waste and cost associated with this for the following scenario i.e.

- a. If food waste macerated please provide detailed breakdown of cost analysis including running costs of macerated machines, annual service contract; electricity and water tariff charges. Do you have ppm for the unblocking of foul drainage contract and how many times foul drainage were blocked over last 3 years due to food waste stemming from main trust kitchen.
- b. If food waste is treated off-site by contractor please state what happens to food waste and please provide detailed breakdown of all charges associated with this service including cost of bags, porter cost to transfer the food waste to a secured area, frequency of collection of food waste, carbon emissions and length of contract.
- c. Has your organisation ever been cautioned by public body/EA for causing pollution from food waste.
- d. State process involved in recording food waste data as part of annual ERIC disclosure and please state on average how much food is wasted per kg/day.
- e. Does your organisation track the food ordered for each patient as patients are transferred to another ward during their stay in the Hospital for the treatment or recovery.

A3 a. We do not have food waste macerators – The catering contractor removes food from each ward after the meal service and it is disposed of via an external waste contract. Other food waste from patients goes into the general waste to be taken off site. We do not record food waste or general waste information.

- b. Information not held – This is done by the catering contractor, as per A1. This disclosure includes a total annual spend for the contract however we are not able to offer a breakdown of costs.
- c. No
- d. Information not held - this year ERIC returns have asked for more detailed information around food waste, which we currently do not routinely collate. We are reviewing our processes, audits & information to enable the Trust to provide more detail on this going forward.
- e. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) provides a right of access to recorded information held by a public authority but to be valid under Section 8 a request must:
 - be in writing;
 - include the requester's name and an address for correspondence
 - describe the information being requestedHaving considered your question we do not deem that it meets the criteria for a valid request for information under the FOIA, as it asking for detail on routine nursing tasks rather than recorded data or information held by the Trust i.e. it does not 'describe the information being requested'.

Q4 Please provide name and email details of Trust Chief Executive, Board Directors responsible for the estates and finance.

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Q5 Does your organisation has Sustainability management Plan and Carbon neutral plan by 2030/2050, please forward both documents.

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