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**Subject:** Food Wastage

**Q1** For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how many tonnes of food was wasted by your Trust?

**A1** We do not hold this information in tonnes, our catering provider issues the wastage in % of the food provided.

2019/20 – 3%  
2020/21 – 3%  
2021 April – Nov – 5%

**Q2** For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how much did the wasted food cost the Trust?

**A2** Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.

**Q3** Under the Government's new blueprint for better hospital food launched October 2020 it was recommended every hospital should implement a digital meal ordering system by 2022 to collate food choices, manage allergies and diets, and minimise waste. Please explain what steps, if any, the trust has taken to implement a digital ordering system?

**A3** We are in the process of implementing a digital ordering system and hope this will be complete before March 2022. We are currently in discussions regarding the licence and on-going Wi-fi availability.

**Q4** The blueprint also recommended NHS trusts should agree on a common method of monitoring food waste. Please explain what steps, in any, the trust has taken to implement a method of monitoring food waste?

**A4** We are currently in discussions with our waste contractor around systems to monitor food waste and we plan to implement a further new system for waste food in 2022.

We currently have a food wastage system in place which records Meal and Sandwiches on a monthly basis. We are in discussions with our provider around a further system to monitor food waste from plates.