

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-847

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th March 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding food

On 13th March 2024 you emailed us with the below amendments, we advised you that the 'clock' re started as of today

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 1) The total £ amount spent on patient meals for the last 5 years, broken down by year.

01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019
01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020
01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021
01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022
01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

Amended:

The total £ amount spent on patient meals. I would like a figure for just the food / ingredients, without including staff costs or equipment.

A1 See below:

The information will be in financial year format and is unavailable in Calendar year.

Royal Stoke University Hospital

01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020 - £6,734,285
01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 - £6,926,282
01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022 - £7,247,502
01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 - £7,987,450

County Hospital

01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020 - £1,203,859

01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 - £1,286,703

01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022 - £1,286,703

01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 - £1,526,563

Q2 The average daily cost of meals per patient in £, given as a yearly figure for the last 5 years (i.e how much does it cost to feed one patient for a day)

01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020

01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021

01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022

01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

Amended:

The total number of meals served to patients (including breakfast if possible)

A2 The information will be in financial year format and is unavailable in Calendar year.

Average meal costs are obtained by dividing meals requested with budget and multiplying by 3 meals a day.

Royal Stoke University Hospital

01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020 -

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£6,734,285	1,387,855	£14.55

01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 –

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£6,926,282	1,108,196	£18.75

01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022 –

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£7,247,502	1,228,102	£17.70

01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 –

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£7,987,450	1,294,235	£18.51

County Hospital

01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020 –

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£1,203,859	232,859	£15.50

01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 –

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£1,158,419	210,706	£16.49

01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022 –

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£1,286,703	210,202	£18.36

01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 –

Budget	Meals requested	Approx cost per day
£1,526,563	201,016	£22.70

Q3 The amount of food wasted and what % this accounts for of total food served for the last 5 years, broken down by year. I would like the 'amount' of food wasted given as a weight measurement if possible.

01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019

01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020

01/01/2021 - 31/12/2021

01/01/2022 - 31/12/2022

01/01/2023 - 31/12/2023

If you need any clarification I look forward to hearing from you promptly. And if you are not able to complete all the tasks within the time or money constraints of a FOI request, you can narrow the request down to questions one and two.

But note I would expect a detailed explanation of why you cannot complete the tasks within the time or money constraints.

Amended:

The average daily cost of meals per patient in £. I.e how much does it cost to feed one patient for a day, taking just the food / ingredients costs into account, so again not including staff costs or equipment. Provide this as an average over the year, along with a note on the method used to work this out if possible.

A3 The information will be in financial year format and is unavailable in Calendar year.

Royal Stoke University Hospital

01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020 – 0 tonnes

01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 – 0 tonnes

01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022 – 0 tonnes

01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 – 0 tonnes

County Hospital

01/04/2019 – 31/03/2020 – 0 tonnes
01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021 – 0 tonnes
01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022 – 0 tonnes
01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023 – 0 tonnes

We state 0 tonnes as food waste from wards is disposed of via the Domestic Waste stream. At County, the Catering Services have access to a Biodigester and this waste is not weighed.

There is no information held at process at Royal Stoke as this is part of the duties of the Trust's PFI Partner and therefore information not held by the Trust.

All information is in the Public Domain via NHS Digital – Estates Records Information Collection (ERIC)

Additional questions:

Q4 The average number of patients you fed per day over the year (i.e on any given day we fed an average of 100 patients)

A4 In the 2022/23 Annual General meeting, it was stated that there were 1,450 beds in the Trust.

It cannot be assumed that all the beds are occupied or that the patients are eating, as this could change due to medical guidance.

The Trust also provides snack boxes for outpatients, Renal, Chemotherapy and any patients waiting in Emergency Department for an inpatient bed.

There may also be extra provision required under "Your next patient" which would also not be factored in for the daily amount ordered.

Apologies that we are unable to provide a definite number of meals provided on a daily basis.

Q5 The amount of food wasted and what % this accounts for of total food served. I would like the 'amount' of food wasted given as a weight measurement if possible.

For each question, please provide figures

For the Trust as a whole, and then for each individual hospital under your trust For the last 5 financial years, NOT calendar years as I first requested. Please include this financial year too:

2019/2020

2020/2021

2021/2022

2022/2023

2023/2024 (for this year, please provide the figures from the start of the year to 29/02/2024)

I am expecting the data in table format, with years in the rows, and then a column for the Trust as a whole, as well as a column for each hospital you serve.

A5 We state 0 tonnes as food waste from wards is disposed of via the Domestic Waste stream. At County, the Catering Services have access to a Biodigester and this waste is not weighed. There is no information held at process at Royal Stoke as this is part of the duties of the Trust's PFI Partner and therefore information not held by the Trust.

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Yours,



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