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Subject: Food Wastage

REQUEST & RESPONSE

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

The Trust patient, visitor and staff dining services are provided by Medirest. Food waste is monitored by cost for the retail food outlets and percentage for patient dining.

The percentage annual wastage from the patient dining service has been:

2019/20 - 2.8%

2020/21 – 2.1%

2021/22 (to date) – 1.9%

The weight of food waste is not captured.

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

The cost of food waste is borne by Medirest and not the Trust.

These costs are commercially sensitive therefore the Trust considers part of your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43.2 of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

3. 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?

Medirest has implemented the Saffron meal ordering system.

4. 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?

Food waste from patient dining as a percentage total food purchased is captured and reported on a monthly basis.