

FOI 0220/2021 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 is unable to provide a response to your request for information.

This is because the data has not been captured in the format requested and therefore obtaining the information will require manual and exhaustive measures that exceed the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

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

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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?

We are looking to implement a digital ordering system within our in-house catering service provision from our 5 kitchens, and across our circa 25 in-patient sites. In addition, review with our PFI partners their proposals with regard to implementation of the same/ similar digital 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?

A working group is being established to consider option appraisal, as currently food waste is measured by portions across the Trust within owned, retained, leased and PFI estate.

We are also looking at removal of the macerators across the estate and introduction of a dedicated food waste stream which will help with recording.

In house we will be looking at a common reporting template across all sites.