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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FIRM 3917**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.

Your request was received as follows: -

1. What is the average cost per day in pound sterling allocated to feed an inpatient with non-exceptional dietary requirements staying in each of your hospitals for the last 5 years? For 'year' please use calendar year up to 2019. For 'hospitals' please include sites where patients stay overnight on a ward and please ignore any sites that are self-catering. – [Please see statement below](#)

HOSPITAL NAME	YEAR	Ave. cost per day to feed an inpatient
	2019	
	2018	
	2017	
	2016	
	2015	

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate information regarding the daily cost on food per patient as we get invoiced the same amount each month from our contracts with ISS without any split information therefore we cannot apportion these costs. Under the FOI Act, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOI Act is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOI Act does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

2. Please list the hospital and care sites in your trust and state whether the catering service is outsourced and if outsourced please give the name of the company or companies this is currently outsourced to and the



date of the outsourcing to this company,

Outsourced: - Yes

Name of company: - ISS

Year of outsourcing: - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) has been open since 1998 and the catering has been outsourced since that point.

3. How many cases of listeriosis have been traced back to sandwiches that were given to inpatients in your trust in the last three years?

YEAR	CASES OF LISTERIOSIS
2019	0
2018	0
2017	0

See our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

**Mr Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**

