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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4025

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 11th September 2019.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many patients and staff do you cater for?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) caters for 110 patients daily. In addition to patient meals there is a daily average of 1200 transactions, including staff and visitors through the retail areas.

2. How much food waste is generated every day?

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 amount of food waste generated on a daily basis. 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.

3. How do you dispose of it?

WCFT can confirm we dispose of our waste by our domestic waste collection service.

4. Do you have it collected or do you use a macerator?

Collected by the normal waste stream, compacted and removed by the service provider

5. Do you have an approximate monthly cost for disposing of food waste?

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that:

“(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment...”

The information you have requested is published in the public domain, please use the following link:
<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection>

As a result, we believe that the information is already reasonably accessible to you

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4025 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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