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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4960**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 18th November 2021.

Your request was as follows:

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

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information relating to specific details of food wastage data has not been captured historically and no data is available for 2021/22, therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA 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 FOIA 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. For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how much did the wasted food cost the trust?

As above.

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?

The installation of an electronic meal ordering system (EMOS) for managing patients meals is scheduled for implementation by the start of 2022.

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?

Whilst there are no current, or historic financial data available, 100% of food waste is collected by our authorised waste partner and recycled and/or repurposed. As part of a Sustainable Workplace Programme conducted by ISS in September 2021, recommendations for managing food waste generated at this Trust are currently being considered.

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 4960 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

*Mike Burns*

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