

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-047**

Date 27 February 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

**1) Do you have a sustainable food policy that covers animal welfare when buying animal based food?**

All food suppliers are procured under the Government Buying Standards for food and Catering Services (GBSF) this is to help ensure food is procured to higher sustainability and nutritional standards and more sustainable service provision is provided.

**2) Who is responsible for this policy and how often is it reviewed?**

The Trust is not responsible for this policy as it is Government led.

**3) Do you have a cage free egg policy?**

This is within the Government Buying Standards for food and Catering Services standards

**4) Where on campus do you use catering contractors and where do you deploy your own in-house caterings services?**

Patient feeding service is in-house; however the patient meals are out sourced. Two retail units are in-house and the Trust has 6 retail units which are out sourced.

**5) If you use both, contractors and in-house caterers do you require the same sustainable food policy standards to be met?**

No. All Trust suppliers are procured using GBSF

**6) Do any of your catering operations on campus affiliate to any schemes such as Freedom food or Food for Life?**

No

**7) On average how many meals per day do you serve?**

2,595 patient meals per day

**8) What proportion of the meals served are vegetarian?**

23%

**9) What is the annual value / volume of animal based food sourced (please break this down by meat, dairy, eggs)**

We are unable to breakdown the volumes on the ingredients requested, as the patient meals are produced by a nominated supplier.

**10)Do you use Organic meat dairy or eggs? If so how much?**

No

**11)What national rules / guidelines apply to you when using public money for animal based food?**

We procure food suppliers using the GBSF guidelines.

**12)What is the process used to procure animal based food? (Specific contracts, framework agreements or open market)?**

We would use a variety of procurement processes dependent on the product eg Contracts, framework, open market.

**13)Do you use any buying consortiums?**

Yes, Bristol and Weston NHS Purchasing Consortium (BWPC)

**14)Do your tenders include animal welfare considerations? If yes, what are they?**

We procure food suppliers using the GBSF guidelines.

**15)Do you plan to increase the extent to which you include animal welfare considerations into your procurement processes? If not, why?**

We procure food suppliers using the GBSF guidelines.

**16)When purchasing food for, how do you implement guidelines linked to nutrition or health?**

In the procurement of catering for patients, we referenced the work of the Nutrition Digest (2012), Government Buying Standards and our menus have been developed to reflect these guidelines.

**17)Please name the caterers you use:**

- Tillery Valley Foods- patient meals
- Medirest- Retail
- RVS- Retail
- Interserve-Retail

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, 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:

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Yours sincerely,

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