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**Category(ies): Trust – Estates/Facilities**

**Subject: Food Waste**

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| **Your request:** | **Our 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? | 2019/20 – 122.52 tonnes2020/21 – 83.68 tonnes2021/22 – April – July 2021 inclusive – 31 tonnes |
| 2. For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how much did the wasted food cost the trust?  | 2019/20 – £7,7662020/21 – £6,7532021/22 – April – July 2021 inclusive – £2,099 |
| 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? | Currently we have not adopted an electronic ordering system but a new contract is currently being tendered for the catering service and it is expected that the successful contractor will comply with the recommendations made by the independent review of hospital food. |
| 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?  | The waste food is monitored on a regular basis by ReFood and the catering supplier on the collection of the waste.  |