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I am responding to your request for information received 20 July 2020. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

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**Request:**

**Question 1. Do you prepare all catering for patients and visitors in-house or outsourced or buy in precooked meals per site, please state sites details for the all requested information below.**

Answer: Catering on Trust sites is outsourced. Catering is provided at the following sites:

- 12 Kenworthy Road
- Archer Unit
- City and Hackney Center for Mental Health
- East Ham Care Centre
- Fountains Court
- Luton and Central Bedfordshire Mental Health Unit
- Newham Centre for Mental Health
- Oakley Court
- Tower Hamlets Center for Mental Health
- Wolfson House

**Question 2. If catering is outsourced please provider contractors details**

Answer: Anglia Crown and Apateto

**Question 3. Please explain in detail process involved in disposal of food waste and cost associated with this for the following scenario i.e.**

**Question 3.1 if food waste macerated please provide detailed breakdown of cost analysis including running costs of macerated machines, annual service contract; electricity and water tariff charges. Do you have ppm for the unblocking of foul drainage contract and how many times foul drainage were blocked over last 3 years due to food waste stemming from main trust kitchen.**

Answer: Where we have Food Waste Machines (FWM's) installed the food waste is put into the machine, macerated and any fluids removed into the drainage. The leftover food waste is put into specific food waste bins for collection.

£7,438 annual costs for all food waste machines managed by the Trust which includes all servicing and repairs.

The Trust does not record electricity or water tariff charges against separate machines. This information is not recorded and therefore not disclosable.

**Question 3.2 if food waste is treated off-site by contractor please state what happens to food waste and please provide detailed breakdown of all charges associated with this service including cost of bags, porter cost to transfer the food waste to a secured area, frequency of collection of food waste, carbon emissions and length of contract.**

Answer: Anaerobic digestion where we have FWM's, incineration where we do not and it is put in domestic waste.

The Trust does not record food waste separately to domestic waste. This information is not recorded and therefore not disclosable.

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**Question 3.3 Has your organisation ever been cautioned by public body/EA for causing pollution from food waste.**

Answer: No, the Trust has not been cautioned by a public body/EA for causing pollution from food waste.

**Question 3.4 State process involved in recording food waste data as part of annual ERIC disclosure and please state on average how much food is wasted per kg/day.**

Answer: This is recorded on ERIC in appropriate fields. We do not currently keep data on food waste currently.

**Question 3.5 Does your organisation track the food ordered for each patient as patients are transferred to another ward during their stay in the Hospital for the treatment or recovery.**

Answer: No.

**Question 4. Please provide name and email details of Trust Chief Executive, Board Directors responsible for the estates and finance.**

Answer: Dr Navina Evans, Chief Executive, [navina.evans@nhs.net](mailto:navina.evans@nhs.net)

Paul Calaminus (responsible for Estates), Deputy Chief Executive, [paul.calaminus@nhs.net](mailto:paul.calaminus@nhs.net)

Steven Course (responsible for Finance) Chief Finance Officer – [s.course@nhs.net](mailto:s.course@nhs.net)

**Question 5. Does your organisation has Sustainability management Plan and Carbon neutral plan by 2030/2050, please forward both documents.**

Answer: Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, states that information is exempt, if at the time of the request the public authority holds it with a view to its publication.

The Trust's Sustainability Management Plan is currently being reviewed and will be published in the future and we therefore believe that in the case of this request, Section 22 of the Act should be applied.