

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- For each calendar year over the last five years, what was the NHS Foundation's budget to be spent on food for its patients?

2014* £2.34m

2015 £2.61m

2016 £2.72m

2017 £2.53m

2018 £2.35m

* There is no data available for the 2013/14 budgets for NEP. As such the 2014 figure is Apr-Dec for NEP and Jan-Dec for SEPT.

- For each calendar year over the last five years, how much money has the NHS Foundation spent on food for its patients?

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the please see link below and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means)

This information is available via the Estates Return Information Collection

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection>

- For each calendar year over the last five years, how many meals has the NHS Foundation provided for its patients?

- The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the please see link below and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means)

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- Does the NHS Foundation currently have on its menu, food options which are suitable for vegans, vegetarians, and people with coeliac disease?

Our main meal provider supplies the following:

- Balance Choice
- Gluten Free
- Softer (Easy to chew)
- Energy Dense
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Ward staff will advise should alternative diet requirement (i.e. coeliac disease, halal, kosher etc.) which can be ordered in advance to meet Service User Requirements.

I would prefer to receive these in electronic format at this email address.

It would be helpful if you were to provide any brief notes which might be necessary to understand the context of the information provided, although I recognise that you are not obliged to do this. If for any reason you feel that this request is unclear, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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