

FOI_0557_21/22 – FOI request concerning – Food Waste

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

Unable to Quantify – we do not segregate our food waste as it is minimal and generated at ward level.

2. **For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how much did the wasted food cost the trust?**

The following figures are based on an average wastage of 10%

Year	Value
2021/22	£16,042 (6 months)
2020/21	£31,802
2019/20	£31,153

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?**

Capital funding has been approved and the Trust issued a tender W/C 29/11/2021 to procure a system ahead of the 2022 implementation date.

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 Trust provides its patient feeding through a bought in cook/freeze style system. Therefore, production waste is non-existent and left-over food waste is monitored by portion. This is a relatively simple process as the number of servings per container are standard.