

Request title: Catering, Patient Meal Service (Ward food wastage 2014/15)

Date of Response: 25th November 2015

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the number of un-served meals (ward food wastage) at each of your sites in 2014/15, and what percentage of all meals provided this represents.

For plated meal systems, this is the number (calculated over the full menu cycle or 7 days where no menu cycle is used), of un-served in-patient meals remaining at the end of the meals service period expressed as a percentage of the total number of meals provided and available at the commencement of the meal service period. For bulk systems use an apportionment of remaining meals based on visual inspection.

Reply

Please see the table below for the Trusts response to your request.

It is important to note that these wastage figures are beyond the Trusts control due to the fact that these figures will include all of the following:

- Patients that have ordered a meal the previous evening and then not been able to eat the meal for reasons such as they have felt unwell on the day that it was delivered.
- Patients that have ordered a meal but then been called to theatre, or have been instructed to be nil by mouth for medical purposes.
- Patients that have ordered a meal but then been moved to an alternative ward or discharged home. Although this meal will be offered to the new patient in the bed they may not eat it if it is unsuitable for their dietary requirements, or they simply do not like the food choice.

	Total number of meals not eaten (lunch and supper)	Total lunch & supper % wastage
April	3236	9
May	3542	9.5
Jun	3504	10
Jul	3588	9.5
Aug	3729	10
Sep	3434	9.5
Oct	3736	10

	Nov	3186	8.5	
	Dec	3269	9.5	
	Jan	3439	9.5	
	Feb	3082	9	
	Mar	3246	8.5	
	Total	40991	9.38%	