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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding food cost & wastage.

The Trust can provide the following information:

How much food is thrown away each year from each of your hospitals?

What is the total expenditure on food and what proportion is thrown away?

Actual monitoring of food waste has not been undertaken by Homerton so current wastage levels are not known. The current assumption based on similar hospitals using steamplicity is that a wastage level of approximately 10% is being achieved.

The Trust is currently Market Testing the catering service and it has been agreed that under the new contract wastage will be consistently monitored for the first 12 months and appropriate action taken from that point.

The current expected spend on patient meal costs for the period April 14 to March 15 incl. is just over £900,000.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at [foi@homerton.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@homerton.nhs.uk), in the first instance. If, following that, you still have any concerns, you may contact the Information Commissioner either by letter, FOI/EIR Complaints resolution, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SM9 5AF, or by email [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk) to take them further.

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Yours sincerely

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