

17th July 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding purchasing of fruit and vegetables.

The Trust can provide the following information:

I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

For the year 2014, please could you tell me the trust's catering purchases of:

- 1) Boxes/Bags of fresh fruit and veg and a breakdown of what these items were (e.g bananas, apples, broccoli) and the total cost.
- 2) How many pieces of fruit this would generally represent, per box eg. 100 bananas per box
- 2) Tins of fruit and bags of frozen vegetables and the total cost.
- 3) Cakes, packs of biscuits, cake bars, sweet puddings and dessert pies and the total cost.
- 4) Soft drinks containing sugar (not including diet soft drinks) and the total cost.
- 5) The cost agreed in the tender for fruit and veg and the amount actually paid.
- 6) Please could you tell me who the food is bought for? e.g hospital canteens, patient meals, staff cafe, vending machines etc.

The Trust's catering service has been outsourced to Medirest who manage the catering service on the Trust's behalf.

I would suggest that you approach Medirest directly in the first instance to request this information. I would advise however that the catering costs are inclusive within the patient feeding cost and not individually costed.

If you have any queries about this response please contact the information governance manager at 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 to take them further.

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Yours sincerely,

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