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Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2940

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding inpatient meals at Homerton hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

1. For the two past financial years (2014/15 and 2015/16 to date), please provide the following data, breaking it down month by month:

a. The number of inpatient main meals requested in the Trust

Apr-14	28500	Apr-15	27000	Apr-16	17880
May-14	29200	May-15	28100	May-16	17708
Jun-14	31236	Jun-15	28500	Jun-16	17673
Jul-14	26500	Jul-15	27000	Jul-16	17892
Aug-14	27700	Aug-15	27500	Aug-16	17279
Sep-14	27800	Sep-15	26100	Sep-16	17350
Oct-14	28300	Oct-15	19300	Oct-16	17475
Nov-14	27200	Nov-15	19600	Nov-16	
Dec-14	27800	Dec-15	20000	Dec-16	
Jan-15	28300	Jan-16	23500	Jan-17	
Feb-15	25900	Feb-16	20400	Feb-17	
Mar-15	27900	Mar-16	21000	Mar-17	

b. The number of inpatient main meals left untouched.

The Trust does not record this information.

c. The total cost of providing inpatient main meals

Catering Service.

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
c£2,700,000	c£2,700,000	c£2,500,000

d. The cost of feeding one inpatient per day

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
£8.60	£4.14	£4.14

2. Please name the catering companies and food suppliers used by the Trust in 2014/15 and in 2015/16 to date

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Medirest	Medirest (6 months) & ISS (6 months)	ISS

3. Please provide details of what changes, if any, the Trust has made or plans to make to inpatient catering and food procurement contracts with suppliers and/or catering companies in response to rising food commodity costs.

Retendered service with fixed catering costs included.

4. Please state:

- a. *Whether the Trust currently meets the following Government Buying Standards for food and catering*

services: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/418072/qbs-food-catering-march2015.pdf

Yes

- b. **Whether the Trust currently uses or has made plans to use the provisions in the Government Buying Standards that allow an authority to depart from mandated production and/or animal welfare standards to avoid a “significant increase in costs”. If so, please set out the date this decision what taken and the details of what was decided.**

No

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Yours sincerely

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