

FOI REF: 23/363

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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**We would like to get some information based upon the below areas:**

**1) Budget - What is the Annual £ budget on Patient and Employee food?**

£2.2million.

**2) Procurement - How is food purchased - is it direct from within the Trust via procurement business partners, or a third party supplier like Compass/FoodBuy?**

From both.

**a) If internally who are the colleagues responsible?**

Michael Say  
Deputy Head of Procurement

**3) Patient Meals - What is the average, per head £cost, per day of patient food?**

£7.92

**a) Does the trust purchase Frozen Ready Meals?**

Yes.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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Yours sincerely

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