FOI 3116

Date 19/06/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

1. Please provide the standard inpatient menus and vegan inpatient menus used in February 2024, plus the standard inpatient menus and vegan inpatient menus used in June 2024, in the format that is provided to patients. If the vegan menu is incorporated into another special menu please provide that menu.

Please see attached.

1. Please provide information on the consumption of each menu item during February 2024 (how many times was each menu item chosen during this period by inpatients?)

This information cannot be provided as these are sensitive information ‘Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

1. Please confirm how many beds your hospitals have

Bedford is approx. 420 beds and Luton is approx. 650 beds

1. How many hospital sites do you have, do they all have the same catering providers?

The Trust has two sites. Luton’s catering services are outsourced to ISS and Bedford’s is in house catering services.

1. Please confirm who the catering provider is for inpatient menus

ISS - Luton

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Yours sincerely,

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