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## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Apologies for the follow up, but I want to make some changes / clarifications to my request as I feel it wasn't clear enough. Please take the following as my request:

Please provide me:

**1)** The total £ amount spent on patient meals. I would like a figure for just the food / ingredients, without including staff costs or equipment.

Total spend	BDGH	DRI	MMH	Total
2019/20	279,289	823,538	69,141	1,171,968
2020/21	218,512	789,759	70,695	1,078,967
2021/22	268,935	801,154	71,335	1,141,423
2022/23	276,146	901,051	82,377	1,259,574
2023/24 (Through 29/04)	223,373	853,307	60,593	1,137,272

The above spend has been split based on the total number of meals served to patients at each site as we don't receive the split on invoices.

**2)** The total number of meals served to patients (including breakfast if possible)

Year	Total			
	BDGH	DRI	MMH	Total
2019/20	69,131	203,846	17,114	290,091
2020/21	52,527	189,846	16,994	259,367
2021/22	63,578	189,398	16,864	269,840
2022/23	64,520	210,526	19,247	294,293
2023/24 (Through 29/04)	49,749	190,046	13,495	253,290

**3)** The average daily cost of meals per patient in £. I.e how much does it cost to feed one patient for a day, taking just the food / ingredients costs into account, so again not including staff costs or equipment. Provide this as an average over the year, along with a note on the method used to work this out if possible.

Year	Average daily cost of meals per patient in £.
2019/20	£ 4.04
2020/21	£ 4.16
2021/22	£ 4.23
2022/23	£ 4.28

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2023/24 (Through 29/02/24)	£ 4.49
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This hasn't been split out by site level as we don't have this split on invoices.

4) The average number of patients you fed per day over the year (i.e on any given day we fed an average of 100 patients)

Year	Avg. Per Day			
	BDGH	DRI	MMH	Total
2019/20	189	557	47	793
2020/21	144	520	47	711
2021/22	174	519	46	739
2022/23	177	577	53	806
2023/24 (Through 29/04)	149	567	40	756

For each question, please provide figures

For the trust as a whole, and then for each individual hospital under your trust

For the last 5 financial years, NOT calendar years as I first requested. Please include this financial year too:

2019/2020

2020/2021

2021/2022

2022/2023

2023/2024 (for this year, please provide the figures from the start of the year to 29/02/2024)

I am expecting the data in table format, with years in the rows, and then a column for the trust as a whole, as well as a column for each hospital you serve. Excel s my preferred format.

Please also provide any necessary notes on the information you provide to make sure I have a full understanding of the figures and what they denote.

If you need any clarification I look forward to hearing from you promptly. And if you are not able to complete all the tasks within the time or money constraints of a FOI request, you can supply only the figures for the trust as a whole and not the individual hospitals.

But note I would expect a detailed explanation of why you cannot complete the tasks within the time or money constraints.