

**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000 – our ref: FOI 19/20\_323**

I write in response to your request under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

I confirm that the Trust holds the information you requested. Please see the replies, set out against your questions.

1. *How many patients and staff do you cater for?*

**Our daily average in 2019/20 is 733 patients (including departments) per day, there are also 4,500 staff on site, who have access to the 3 catering retail outlets.**

2. *How much food waste is generated every day?*

**Food Waste across our patient and retail services is approximately 170kg per day, this figure includes raw and cooked waste and includes liquids produced at ward level such as soups and beverages.**

3. *How do you dispose of it?*

**Food waste is collected and goes to a food recycling plant where it is turned into energy.**

4. *Do you have it collected or do you use a macerator?*

**Food waste is collected by an external company.**

5. *Do you have an approximate monthly cost for disposing of food waste?*

**Your request for this information has been given careful consideration. However, the Trust is not able to give you the information because it is exempt from disclosure under Section 43(2) Commercial Interests. To provide the information as requested, would be disclosing information which is commercially sensitive and could endanger the commercial interests of the Trust.**