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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Catering 2015-2017.

1. *For the two past financial years (2015/16 and 2016/17 to date), please provide the following data, breaking it down month by month:*
 - a. *The number of inpatient main meals requested in the Trust*
 - b. *The number of inpatient main meals left untouched*
 - c. *The total cost of providing inpatient main meals*
 - d. *The cost of feeding one inpatient per day*
 2. *Please name the catering companies and food suppliers used by the Trust in 2015/16 and 2016/17 to date*
 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.*
 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/gbs-food-catering-march2015.pdf
 - 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 was taken and the details of what was decided.*
- 1.
- a. The number of inpatient main meals requested in the Trust

For the period 2015/16 Maidstone Catering provided 114068 meals

April 2015 – 8496
May 2015 – 11509
June 2015 – 8729
July 2015 – 8714
August 2015 – 10747
September 2015 – 7566
October 2015 – 8739
November 2015 – 10302
December 2015 – 8659
January 2016 – 11596
February 2016 – 9655
March 2016 – 9356

Tunbridge Wells Catering provided 183000 Meals

April 2015 – 15000
May 2015 – 15500
June 2015 – 15000
July 2015 – 15500
August 2015 – 15500
September 2015 – 15000
October 2015 – 15500
November 2015 – 15000
December 2015 – 15500
January 2016 – 15500
February 2016 – 14500
March 2016 – 15500

For the period 2016/17(Till December 2016) Maidstone Catering provided 72817 Meals

April 2016 -9484
May 2016 – 9129
June 2016 – 8809
July 2016 – 9831
August 2016 – 8832
September 2016 -7290
October 2016- 9426
November 2016 10016
December 2016 – Not yet available

Tunbridge Wells Catering provided 121500 meals

April 2016 -15000
May 2016 – 15500
June 2016 – 15000
July 2016 – 15500
August 2016 –15500

September 2016 -15000
October 2016- 15000
November 2016 15000
December 2016 – Not yet available

b. Unable to provide as information not retained

c. Daily cost per inpatient daily is in the region of:
£8.00 at Maidstone Hospital
£12.00 at Tunbridge Wells Hospital

d. In the region of £3.50

2. The Trust uses an in house catering service & use a full range of National food suppliers including Apetito, Brakes and Bidvest (Previously known as 3663)

3. There are no plans currently to make changes.

4.

a. Not fully.

b. The Trust does not currently have any plans to revise our procurement services.