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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 Food wastage.

You asked:

- 1. For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how many tonnes of food was wasted by your trust?*
- 2. For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how much did the wasted food cost the trust?*
- 3. Under the Government's new blueprint for better hospital food launched October 2020 it was recommended every hospital should implement a digital meal ordering system by 2022 to collate food choices, manage allergies and diets, and minimise waste. Please explain what steps, if any, the trust has taken to implement a digital ordering system?*
- 4. The blueprint also recommended NHS trusts should agree on a common method of monitoring food waste. Please explain what steps, in any, the trust has taken to implement a method of monitoring food waste?*

Trust response:

1. TWH – Tunbridge Wells Hospital, MGH – Maidstone Hospital

TWH	MGH
2019-20 (5.58 tonnes)	2019-20 (1.64 tonnes)
2020-21 (5.11 tonnes)	2020-21 (1.82 tonnes)
2021-22 (4.75 tonnes)	2021-22 (2.55 tonnes)

2. TWH – Tunbridge Wells Hospital, MGH – Maidstone Hospital

TWH	MGH
2019-20 (£39420)	2019-20 (£11385)
2020-21 (£37230)	2020-21 (£13140)
2021-22 (£33288)	2021-22 (£17520)

3. We have met with some suppliers who provide this service to scope out options available, working with our purchasing department, clinical and nutritional leads and other NHS Trust we are now looking to start the procurement process shortly.

4. We currently use traditional paper-based methods to record and monitor food waste