

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION RESPONSE

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### Meal costs

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1. In the (a)2013/2014 and (b) 2014/15 financial year what was the budget on ingredients for patients' meals provided in the hospital trust. Please provide this figure as a financial amount on ingredients only (no labour or preparation costs) per patient per day.

The budgeted allowance for ingredients for a patient per day varies. There are a number of reasons for this, not least the level of occupancy that the hospital achieves. The costs in different wards/departments will vary due to the type of care being provided, i.e. whether they are an in-patient or a day case. The type of treatment may also influence the cost of provision, as does the style of meal delivery, i.e. traditional cook/serve vs. delivered meal services such as cook/freeze, chilled meals, etc. Therefore to provide a single figure would be totally misleading.

It is the understanding of ISS Facility Services, Healthcare, who provide the catering at this Trust, that the Trust's Hospital Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) Data is readily accessible. The information is published annually by the Health & Social Care Information Centre and may be found at <http://hefs.hscic.gov.uk/ERIC.asp>.

There you can readily isolate the data for 2013/14 and 2014/2015 by requesting 'In-patient Food Services' and then 'Find & Select' individual returns.

2. In the (a) 2013/14 and (b) 2014/15 financial year what was the most expensive restaurant bill claimed on expenses by any of the Trust's executives/ directors? Please state the name and address of the restaurant, how many people were dining, the date of the dinner and the job title of the director/executive who claimed the meal on expenses. Please see our website <http://www.worcsacute.nhs.uk/about-us/trust-board-whos-who/> where the expenses are listed at the end of the page.