

Title Inpatient Food

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

1. What was your hospital trust's total budget (Sterling) allocated for inpatient food for the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022

Eastern Service - Total Budgets	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Exmouth Wards	29,040	32,792	32,792	36,047	36,011
Sidmouth Wards	42,470	42,438	42,438	42,438	42,438
Tiverton Wards	57,566	71,679	71,679	71,679	71,679
Patient Meal Service (Eastern Trust Inhouse)	903,112	940,873	919,119	906,792	959,498
Total	1,032,188	1,087,782	1,066,028	1,056,956	1,109,626

Northern services – **** Section 43 (2) - Commercial Interests**

The information for NDDH is Commercially sensitive as it is contracted out, whereas for South Molton a Trust budget is in place

South Molton Hospital	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
	£29,990	£28,999	£27,718	£14,077

2. What did your hospital trust spend (Sterling) in total on inpatient food for the years
a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022

Eastern service:

Eastern Service Total Spends	18-19	19-20
Exmouth Wards	33,694	30,637
Sidmouth Wards	43,294	44,330
Tiverton Wards	73,181	63,905
Patient Meal Service	896,372	1,009,893
Total	1,046,541	1,148,765

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South Molton Hospital	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22
	£28,705	£29,684	£17,651	£32,749

3. The average daily cost per day (Sterling) and per patient, allocated to feed an inpatient with normal non-exceptional dietary requirements staying in your hospital trust for the years

Eastern Service:

Average Spend per Patient per day	18-19	19-20
Exmouth Wards	4.86	4.42
Sidmouth Wards	4.74	4.86
Tiverton Wards	6.27	5.47
Patient Meal Service	3.27	3.69
Total	3.47	3.81

-Assumed
full/average
occupancy

-Assumed all catering costs are captured in ACSUM 200 'Provisions'

** Northern Service: **Section 43 (2) - Commercial Interests**

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South Molton Hospital	2017/18	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	£3.52	£3.47	£3.81	£4.07

**** Section 43 (2) - Commercial Interests – Northern Service**

The Trust holds this information. This information is commercially sensitive, and its release would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

In applying the exemption under Section 43(2) the Freedom of Information Act the Trust has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The Trust has considered all the relevant factors in the public interest test and concluded that the benefit to the public in applying the exemption outweighs the public interest in releasing the information requested as a result of the prejudices and losses that would potentially affect the Trust and patients. As such this information is being withheld under Section 43 (2).

Public Interest Test (PIT) - Non- Disclosure:

This information is commercially confidential as Inpatient food supply is outsourced from the Northern Service Trust. When the current supplier contract requires renewal, this would involve a tender process. Disclosing the contracted food service figures would give sufficient information to provide competitors with a benchmark to beat competitive tendering, which would breach PCR 2015.

Public Interest Test (PIT) – For Disclosure

The Trust understand the need for openness and accountability for tender processes and price, and it recognises the need for value of money.