

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-864

5 December 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1. The menu options for patients in the Bristol Royal Infirmary everyday between October 1st 2023 and October 31st 2023 inclusive.

We provide a two-week rotating menu choice, week one and week two.

Each day we provide a lunch menu with: appetiser, three main courses (one a vegetarian choice) two potato choices, two vegetable choices, hot dessert or a choice from our ever day dessert menu, or an everyday salad, or everyday sandwich.

Each day we provide a supper menu with: appetiser, soup and a roll, three main courses (one a vegetarian choice) two potato choices, two vegetable choices, a choice from our ever day dessert menu, or an everyday salad, or everyday sandwich.

We also provide a platter menu, 14 different single complete meals and six desserts.

Vegan menu, 12 hot meal options and several desserts.

Gluten-free menu, nine hot meal options and some from the two-week menu.

Cultural menu, African - Caribbean, Asian-Vegetarian, Halal and Kosher.

2. For the menu options which patients in the Bristol Royal Infirmary were given in October 2023:

2.1. Which options were suitable for vegetarians?

There are two options every day (lunch and supper) The desserts and soups are also suitable for vegetarians. In addition to this we have vegetarian options on the other menus we provide.

2.2. Which options were suitable for vegans?

There are 15 vegan meals available over the two-week menu, in addition vegan meals are available throughout the other menus.

2.3. Which options were gluten-free?

The main menu has one option on every service that is gluten-free. The gluten-free menu is

also available for alternatives and dessert options.

3. The menu options for patients in the Bristol Royal Infirmary everyday between September 1st 2023 and September 30th 2023 inclusive.

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5. On average in October 2023, how much money does each meal in the Bristol Royal Infirmary cost the taxpayer?

The average cost of a meal, with appetiser, main meal, potatoes, vegetables and a dessert, in October 2023 was £4.35. This cost does change if we are providing salads, sandwiches, specialist meals etc.

6. On average in October 2023, how many patients in the Bristol Royal Infirmary had at least one meal each day they were in care?

Approximately: Lunch 18,137, Supper 18,013

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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