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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**I would like to request the following information under Freedom of Information.**

- 1. For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how many tonnes of food was wasted by your trust?**

Year	Tonnes	
2019	15.33	This figure is for the Leigh site only, as anaerobic digestion was introduced here in June 2019. Unfortunately, we have no details for RAEI and Wrightington, as food waste on these sites was disposed of using traditional waste disposal units and therefore no records are kept.
2020	55.572	This figure shows a full year for Leigh, and a part year for RAEI and Wrightington as anaerobic digestion was introduced to these sites in July 2020, therefore no records are held prior to that date.
2021	88.533	Year to date all sites

- 2. For the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (so far) how much did the wasted food cost the trust?**

Year	Total Cost	
2019	£1,200.00	This figure is for the Leigh site only, as anaerobic digestion was introduced here in

		June 2019. Unfortunately, we have no details for RAEI and Wrightington, as food waste on these sites was disposed of using traditional waste disposal units and therefore no records are kept.
2020	£4,976.00	This figure shows a full year for Leigh, and a part year for RAEI and Wrightington as anaerobic digestion was introduced to these sites in July 2020, therefore no records are held prior to that date.
2021	£7,544.00	Year to date all sites disposal cost.

**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?**

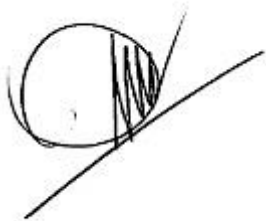
WWL are currently in the process of evaluating electronic menu collation systems and it is anticipated that this will be funded within the year, pending costs.

**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?**

The trust has adopted the PLACE recommended method of monitoring waste. As part of this process ¼ audits are undertaken. It is anticipated that this will be recorded electronically once the menu collation system is operational.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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