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Dear ,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

1. *Are processed red meat products – particularly bacon, sausages, ham, salami and pepperoni – served to patients anywhere in your Trust?*

Currently only ham would be on our adult patients' menu, for use in salads and sandwiches. However our dieticians may request bacon or sausage as part of a cooked breakfast for some patients with special dietary requirements.

We do serve sausages and beef burgers on the children's ward menu. This menu was devised through a multidisciplinary group, which encompassed catering, dieticians, the ward staff and parents/children.

2. *Is your Trust able to cater for vegan* hospital patients and, if so, could you please provide me with an example of 5-days worth of meal options for vegan patients?
(*Vegans consume no animal products, including meat, fish, dairy products, eggs and honey.)*

Yes, we have diet cooks and dieticians who are able to cater for a vegan as required. Due to the limited number of vegan diet requests in our hospitals (none in the last 3 years) we would treat this as a special dietary requirement and the diet cook would visit the patient either on the ward or prior to admission for planned admissions to discuss their likes and dislikes and plan the menu accordingly.

I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. 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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