

Reference:	FOI.3607.20
Subject:	Food waste generated by Hywel Dda University Health Board
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Requested:

1. Do you prepare all catering for patients and visitors in-house or outsourced or buy in precooked meals per site. Please state sites details for the all requested information below.
2. If catering is outsourced please provide contractors details.
3. Please explain in detail, process involved in disposal of food waste and cost associated with this for the following scenarios i.e.
 - 3.1 If food waste macerated, please provide detailed breakdown of cost analysis including running costs of macerated machines, annual service contract; electricity and water tariff charges. Do you have ppm for the unblocking of foul drainage contract and how many times foul drainage were blocked over last 3 years due to food waste stemming from main trust kitchen.
 - 3.2 If food waste is treated off-site by contractor please state what happens to food waste and please provide detailed breakdown of all charges associated with this service including cost of bags, porter cost to transfer the food waste to a secured area, frequency of collection of food waste, carbon emissions and length of contract.
 - 3.3 Has your organisation ever been cautioned by public body/EA for causing pollution from food waste.
 - 3.4 State process involved in recording food waste data as part of annual ERIC disclosure and please state on average how much food is wasted per kg/day.
 - 3.5 Does your organisation track the food ordered for each patient as patients are transferred to another ward during their stay in the hospital for the treatment or recovery.
4. Please provide name and email details of Trust Chief Executive, Board Directors responsible for the estates and finance.
5. Does your organisation have a sustainability management plan and carbon neutral plan by 2030/2050, please forward both documents.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms conventional catering is provided at Bronglais General Hospital, Aberystwyth (BGH), Glangwili General Hospital, Carmarthen (GGH) and Withybush General Hospital, Haverfordwest (WGH). At Prince Philip Hospital, Llanelli (PPH) and some smaller units across the UHB, bought in cook freeze food is provided.
2. The UHB confirms its catering service is not outsourced.
- 3.1 The UHB confirms it does not have a food macerator; 100% of food waste is recycled. All food waste and scrapings are placed in recycling bins and collected by the Local Authority (the UHB is covered by three (3) Local Authorities) to be anaerobically digested. This disposal process has been in place across the UHB for a number of years.

- 3.2 The UHB confirms one (1) tonne of food waste treated by anaerobic digestion off-sets approximately six (6) tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂). The UHB's total food waste disposal was 250.47 tonnes, with a total cost of £40,938.50 for the financial year 2019/20. The majority of food waste collections are weekly, but this can vary from site to site, dependent upon demand and the scale of the site. The contract is due for review in June 2021.
- 3.3 The UHB confirms it has not been cautioned by a public body or the Environment Agency (EA) for causing pollution arising from food waste processes.
- 3.4 The UHB confirms food waste data is recorded monthly and the data returns are submitted via the Estates and Facilities Performance Management System (EFPMS), the NHS Wales equivalent of Estates Returns Information Collection system (ERIC) used in England. Food waste is recorded as a percentage of untouched meals and normally is within the range of 5% to 10%. All food waste disposal data is recorded on spreadsheets in-house following invoices being received and verified. For the financial year 2019/20, the UHB's total food waste was 686.22 kilogrammes (kg) per day.
- 3.5 The UHB confirms it does not track the food ordered for each patient when patients are transferred to another ward during their stay at hospital.
4. The UHB's Chief Executive is Steve Moore and the Director of Operations (which includes estates and facilities) is Andrew Carruthers. The Director of Finance is Huw Thomas. all are contactable by email: corporate.correspondence.hdd@wales.nhs.uk
5. The UHB confirms an all Wales Decarbonisation Strategy is currently being developed by NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP), which will provide targets and suggestions on how Health Boards across NHS Wales can reduce carbon emissions to achieve the Welsh Government's (WG) aspirational (2030) and mandatory targets (2050) in a range of areas including procurement, transport and buildings. Once the strategy is completed, the UHB will use the All Wales Strategy to develop site-specific targets to produce their own Decarbonisation Strategy, with clear areas to target to continually improve its carbon footprint.