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From: Private Individual
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Subject: Hospital food spend

For each question, please provide figures for the trust as a whole, and then for each individual hospital under your trust For the last 5 financial years, NOT calendar years as I first requested. Please include this financial year too:

2019/2020
2020/2021
2021/2022
2022/2023
2023/2024 (for this year, please provide the figures from the start of the year to 29/02/2024)

Q1 The total £ amount spent on patient meals. I would like a figure for just the food / ingredients, without including staff costs or equipment.

A1 2019/2020 - £235,921,
2020/2021 - £270,114,
2021/2022 - £407,087,
2022/2023 - £373,312,
2023/2024 - £442,646

Please note, Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is a single site Trust.

Q2 The total number of meals served to patients (including breakfast if possible)

A2 2019/2020 - 76,450
2020/2021 - 80,000
2021/2022 - 119,355
2022/2023 - 109,500
2023/2024 - 120,425

Q3 The average daily cost of meals per patient in £. I.e how much does it cost to feed one patient for a day, taking just the food / ingredients costs into account, so again not including staff costs or equipment. Provide this as an average over the year, along with a note on the method used to work this out if possible.

A3 2019/2020 - £9.26
2020/2021 - £10.13
2021/2022 - £10.24
2022/2023 - £10.23
2023/2024 - £11.02

Q4 The average number of patients you fed per day over the year (i.e on any given day we fed an average of 100 patients)

- A4 Average 109 patients per day
- Q5 The amount of food wasted and what % this accounts for of total food served. I would like the 'amount' of food wasted given as a weight measurement if possible.
- A5 Average of 3% waste - we have a kitchen on every ward with a chef preparing the meals as they are ordered so the waste is minimal. We do not measure plate waste.