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REQUEST

1. How many vending machines do you have in operation across your Trust? Please provide data for each financial year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive.
2. Please provide any details around the content of the vending machines as of 1 April 2018.
3. Please outline whether pieces of fruit are available for purchase within the vending machine.
4. Please outline the opening hours of your staff canteens and please detail which staff canteens are open 24/7.

RESPONSE

1. The Trust had 17 vending machines from 2010-2013 and from 2013 to date has 18.
2. As of 1 April 2018 the Trust has:-
 - 4 machines provide hot beverages including tea, coffee and chocolate drinks.
 - 12 machines provide a selection of cold food and beverages including water, carbonated drinks, juices and snacks.
 - 1 machine provides frozen meals particularly aimed at staff working night shifts. These meals can be microwaved and they also comply with GBS*. The selection includes a range of "weight watchers" meals.
 - 1 machine contains a range of chilled products including sandwiches, cake slices and yogurts.

*All products comply with Government Buying Standards as per the attached letter.



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3. Pieces of fruit are not available for purchase in our vending machines as they could get damaged while being dispensed but fruit is readily available at all till points in the staff restaurants and retail outlets controlled by Medirest.
4. The staff restaurant at Whiston hospital is open from 8am to 8 pm every day.
The staff restaurant at St Helens hospital is open from 8am to 2.30pm Monday to Friday.
There are no staff restaurants open 24/7 but hot food is available 24/7 at Whiston hospital via vending.