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Subject: Snacks and junk food sales

REQUEST

Following the recent proposed ban on the sale of sugary beverages at NHS trusts, I am contacting all NHS Acute trusts about junk food and snacks.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the following information for 2016, or for the most recent year for which you have data. Please could you also let me know which hospital the data refers to within your trust, if this is possible.

1.) Could you tell me HOW MANY of each of the following snack foods did the trust buy FOR PATIENTS:

- a) bars of chocolate
- b) packets of crisps
- c) cakes and muffins and cake bars
- d) packs of biscuits
- e) bags of sweets

2.) Please could you tell me HOW MANY of each of the following snack foods did the trust buy for staff / visitor shops or canteens?

- a) bars of chocolate
- b) packets of crisps
- c) cakes and muffins
- d) packs of biscuits
- e) bags of sweets

3.) How much did the trust spend on EACH of the above categories? Can this also be broken down into food for patients and food for staff/visitors?

4.) How many items of fresh fruit did the trust buy in 2016 and what was the cost?

5.) Can the trust say if the fresh fruit was for patients or for visitors/staff?

RESPONSE

1. Patients are not offered chocolate, crisps or sweets, however Medirest who provide the catering services did buy 58,156 biscuits and 204,897 cakes as part of the patient meal offering
2. The hospital shops and restaurant are provided by WH Smith and Medirest, therefore the Trust did not purchase any of these items.
3. These items are purchased by Medirest and are included in the overall PFI unitary payment for catering services; as such the cost of these items is not directly identifiable.
4. The hospital shops and restaurant are provided by WH Smith and Medirest, therefore the Trust did not purchase any of these items.
5. Fresh foods are available on a daily basis for patients. The hospital shops and restaurants have fresh fruit always available for staff and visitors to purchase