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Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.

In accordance with S.1 (1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), I can confirm that we do hold the information relevant to your request. FOI 314

### [Response from Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)

#### **We spent £21k on disposable crockery in 2019/20.**

We are doing a national multi-centre QIP looking into the cost-saving potential of reducing single-use items in the NHS, in particular cups, cutlery and crockery. As part of this, we are collecting procurement data from all the NHS acute trusts.

With this in mind, I would be so grateful if you could provide spend data for FY 2019 - 2020 for the whole trust for the following items: plastic cups, paper cups, styrofoam cups, plastic forks, knives, spoons, plastic teaspoons, plastic straws, plastic stirrers, wood stirrers, disposable plates, disposable bowls, and any other single use catering items. Quantity used and amount spent for each item if available, or if not for individual items, then overall amount spent would be useful as well.

We are running slightly short on time though as we were hoping to have this information by Christmas to be able to launch a campaign to encourage staff to bring in their own reusable cups and cutlery in January. Are you able to get back to me with the above information by Christmas by any chance?

For administrative purposes, please consider this email as a Freedom of Information request.

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[www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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