

Information Governance

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Dear

Request for Information: Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email of 26th November making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. You requested the following information and the Trust is able to provide the information below in response:

Request:

I am seeking the following information in electronic form:

1. Do any of the meat products provided by your authority come from animals which were not stunned prior to slaughter?
2. If so, which hospitals, clinics, medical facilities or other areas of your service provide these non-stunned meat products?
3. If so, which types of meat are non-stunned?
4. If so, are all such meat products clearly labelled as 'non-stunned' meat?

Response:

1. Yes. As pre-stunning is not permitted under Jewish law, meat used in Kosher products obtained by the Trust has been slaughtered using the Shechita method, and compliant with Jewish law. All other meat and meat products, including halal meals, have been pre-stunned prior to slaughter.
2. Occasionally used in some of the units with the Oxford Health estate depending on individual patient requirement.
3. Kosher meals provided by the Trust use meat, including beef, lamb, fish, turkey and chicken, which has been slaughtered using the Shechita method which is compliant with Jewish law.

4. The Kosher meals are not specifically labelled as 'non-stunned' as this is implied by the fact they are Kosher meals. Products regarding if animals are pre-stunned or not are labelled in accordance with legal requirements.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to me and I will ensure the decision is reviewed. The Trust will consider undertaking a review if requested to do so within 40 working days of the date the response is received by the applicant, and will apply discretion if a longer period of time has passed.

Should you wish to make a complaint as a result of the outcome of such a review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision.

Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust for FoI Act matters.

The ICO can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please contact me if there are any further queries.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Underwood

Head of Information Governance