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Dear Ms Chambre

### RE: REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I am writing to confirm that the Taunton & Somerset NHS Foundation Trust has now been able to consider the information requested and its disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information requested and our response is as follows:

**How much food is thrown away each year from each of your hospitals each year?**

**What is the total expenditure on food and what proportion is thrown away?**

**Please show results in by month by the last five years.**

The Information readily available and that reported to external body - ERIC is provided below as well as data collected from audits, being data that is readily available in response.

Food Waste figures (Taken from ERIC returns)	Annual Provisions Cost
Food Waste 2012 average 6%	£899,171
Food Waste 2013 average 7%	£823,368
Food Waste 2014 average 12%	£810,022

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ Dight', written in a cursive style.

**Carol Dight**  
**Executive Director of Nursing and Governance**