

19th June 2025

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Friday 13th June 2025. I am pleased to confirm the following.

Have you undertaken an equality impact assessment for vegans in hospital? If yes, can you provide a copy of the assessment?

We have not conducted an assessment but have engaged with Patient representatives during our PLACE assessments to gain feedback on new dishes when they are changed every 6 months, we have live feedback channels where our patients and staff can tell us what they think of our meals. We have 5 vegan dishes on our Main menu along other options on our Ethnic Asian and Caribbean menus too, we have Vegan options in our staff restaurant that also include a Vegan based protein.

Are you following your public sector equality duty toward vegans? Please provide any documents or information to explain whether and how the PSED is being followed towards vegans.

We have choices on all our menus or alternatives are available

Do you guarantee a full vegan option that is nutritionally appropriate on all menus and in all cafeterias at all times, for all meals, including breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack options.

Yes

By 'guaranteed' I mean, is there always a fully vegan option available.

For clarity, a salad without a plant-based protein and starch or carbohydrate would obviously not be nutritionally appropriate, nor would having only fruit or toast with jam available for a vegan person. For example, many vegetarian options adapted to be vegan would not be nutritionally appropriate as they would be lacking in protein unless there was a substitution provided.

Do you guarantee plant milk availability on all campuses for coffee and tea? For clarity, plant milk refers to: Soy, oat, almond, or coconut milk.

Yes

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Administrator
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