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I am responding to your request for information received 25 July 2025. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

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Request: Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following information.

The request relates to home enteral tube feeding, which is a way of providing nutrition to people who can't eat and drink normally. Dietitians within your organisation will likely be best placed to help with this information request.

Question 1: Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes? Yes/No

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023-31-12-2024?
a) Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period).
b) If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Question 3: Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet*?
a) Divided in the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+
b) If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Question 4: Does your organisation have the following:
a) Local blended diet* policy – Acute setting (Yes/No)
b) Local blended diet policy – Community setting (Yes/No)
c) Blended diet guideline (Yes/No)
d) Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure (Yes/No)
e) Blended diet training package (Yes/No)
f) If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy.

*A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with commercial formula.

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.

Question 5: Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)?
a) If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding.

Answer: Please see Appendix 1 attached.



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