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Subject: Vending machines at Trust sites

REQUEST

1. How many vending machines does the Trust have across its sites?
2. How much money did the Trust make from vending machines for each year from 2014 to 2024?

If the information is available and does not require work beyond the limits of an FOI request, how much did the Trust spend on any vending machine provision (machine maintenance, stocking, etc.) contracts for each year from 2014 to 2024?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

Southport & Ormskirk Sites response:

1. How many vending machines does the Trust have across its sites?

10 vending machines at Ormskirk and 8 at Southport

2. How much money did the Trust make from vending machines for each year from 2014 to 2024?

The machines are on a “free rental” with North West Vending who take the profit and give us a rebate this is as follows: -

2019	£4,054.19
2020	£1,897.06

2021	£1,803.43
2022	£2,383.41
2023	£7,727.43
2024	£7,329.84
Total	£25,195.36

There are no other expenses incurred as the company are responsible for filling up the machines.

We do not keep data for more than six years within the catering department.

If further information is required before this date this will need to be provided by Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust finance department.

The Trust did not spend any monies on vending machine provision (machine maintenance, stocking, etc.) as they are fully serviced machines.

St Helens and Whiston

1. How many vending machines does the Trust have across its sites?

There are: -

4 vending machines at St Helens

13 vending machines at Whiston

2. How much money did the Trust make from vending machines for each year from 2014 to 2024?

The vending machines are provided at the sites by our PFI Partner Medirest. The Trust does not receive any royalties from the service provider.

The Trust did not spend any monies on vending machine provision (machine maintenance, stocking, etc.) as they are fully serviced machines.

Newton

1. How many vending machines does the Trust have across its sites?

There is 1 vending machine at Newton

2. How much money did the Trust make from vending machines for each year from 2014 to 2024?

The Trust does not receive any royalties from the service provider

The Trust did not spend any money on vending machine provision (machine maintenance, stocking, etc.) as they are fully serviced machines.