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- 1) *Does Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust have a policy in place for procuring domestically produced food for catering operations within establishments, which is served to patients, staff etc?*

Our staff and patient catering services are provided by Medirest. Yes, Medirest do have a procurement policy.

- 2) *If so, please can you provide a brief outline of the policy?*

Please find attached copy of the brief out line of this procurement policy used by Medirest.

- 3) *What percentage out of the total food procured was produced in Britain in financial years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011?*

This information is to follow shortly.

- 4) *In total how much was spent on food procurement in financial years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011?*

Year	Variable food costs as per invoices inclusive of staff and patients
April 2009 to March 2010	£1,027,414.20
April 2010 to March 2011	£975,625.58