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Sodexo wins Chesterfield Royal Hospital Contract

Sodexo Healthcare has been re-awarded the patient catering contract at Chesterfield Royal Hospital for an initial three years with an estimated annual turnover of £1.6million.

The new contract, which began on 1 June 2012, remains 'cook freeze' with a combination of Tillery Valley meals and on-site produced general menu products along with an extensive in-house produced special diet menu range which caters for 14 different special diet categories. Patient meals are produced in a central production kitchen, using specialist regeneration trolleys, which are then transported to wards where they are served to patients by Trust staff.

Sodexo will be bringing in some new initiatives such as the introduction of: a Ward Stores Assistant to help manage ward issues such as waste; two snacks per patient per day; protected breakfasts; volunteer feeders at meal times and an electronic same day patient meal ordering system.

Caron Bromley, General Manager for Sodexo at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, said, “We have worked in partnership with this Trust for over 13 years and we are delighted that we have been re-awarded this contract so that we can continue to develop our strong relationship with the Trust and to enhance the dining experience for patients.”

Andrew Jones, the Royal’s Director of Allied Clinical and Facilities Services, commented: “The provision of high-quality patient meals is a priority for both our board of directors and council of governors. Excellent nutrition, a variety of choice and the ability to cater for every individual’s dietary needs supports the recovery process. We aim to make mealtimes a social occasion for our patients; and we are looking forward to introducing new initiatives with Sodexo.”

Opened in 1984, The Royal Hospital is operated as an NHS Foundation Trust. Serving North Derbyshire's population and beyond, Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust provides a full range of acute services plus 24-hour accident and emergency care.

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