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Request:

1. With regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty, does your decision-making regarding the provision of food take into account the fact that veganism is a protected characteristic for the purpose of the Equality Act 2010?
Yes/No
2. How many vegan hot and cold meal options do you offer:
 - a. In your own local authority canteen every day (if you have one)? 0, 1, 2, 3 or more. Please also express this as a proportion of the overall number of options offered.
 - b. In external events catering (if applicable)? Eg: 0, 1, 2, 3 or more. Please also express this as a proportion of the overall number of options offered.
3. Is a requirement for providing vegan hot and cold meal options included within the catering procurement contracts you issue for other catering provision for which you are responsible including schools, leisure centres, care homes, libraries, and any other public buildings? Yes/No
4. Has your organisation taken any action to reduce meat and dairy consumption in order to meet environmental goals?
 - If yes, please detail what actions have been taken, e.g. 100% or 50% plant-based food options offered.
 - If no, do you have ambitions to take action in this area, eg through setting meat reduction targets? Yes/no, if yes please detail what ambitions you have set out.

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Response:

1. Yes
2. a. A vegan option and vegan sandwich are available every day. The proportion of the overall number of options offered is not available.

b. Vegan options would always be available on request. The proportion of the overall number of options offered is not available.
3. The Authority does not have any external catering contracts.
4. In schools where the Authority provides catering, a Meatless Monday menu is offered. A meatless option is available every day and the Authority has worked in partnership with Meatless Farm to introduce a range of meatless choices across our schools.

Regarding school meals, there is a requirement to offer a range of dairy products, including milk, daily. Elsewhere plant based milk alternatives are offered and a limited amount of dairy products.

Our meatless option is one of 4 choices on our school menu; however our other choices can also be meatless, including jacket potatoes and sandwiches. The % of plant-based food options is not held.

Additionally, the amount of meat purchased by the Authority's internal catering services is monitored.