

**PE1708/J**

NHS Ayrshire and Arran submission of 9 August 2019

**NHS AYRSHIRE & ARRAN – RESPONSE TO PUBLIC PETITION – CATERING  
FOR VEGANS**

NHS Ayrshire & Arran fully supports the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that no-one is discriminated against because of their beliefs, regardless of whether those beliefs are religious or philosophical in nature, which includes veganism.

We have a conventional catering production model, which means we produce food on our sites, and our catering menus for patients can support all types of requirements. Menus are coded to highlight items that patients on the majority of therapeutic diets can choose from. All other dietary requirements are accommodated proportionately, for example Gluten Free, Low Sodium, Low Phosphate, Low Potassium and many allergies. All of our standard menus have a range of options available, many of which are suitable for vegans. If patients wish something else, the catering department will endeavour to provide the items for them.

Similarly in our Dining Rooms, we have a vast range of options available, many of which are suitable for vegans and can also produce individual items on request.