

# Minimum nutritional standards for catering in health and social care

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This consultation is seeking stakeholders' views on the standards and to identify any challenges to their implementation.

## About this consultation

### Consultation target audience

The Public Health Agency, Food Standards Agency and safefood have jointly produced minimum nutritional standards for catering in the Health and Social Care sector. They will be of interest to staff involved in food contract specifications, procurement and menu planning. They will also be of interest to food service and catering suppliers that supply this sector.

### Subject of this consultation

Minimum nutritional standards for catering in Health and Social Care have been developed as part of the implementation of A Fitter Future for All 2012-22 (the regional obesity prevention strategy). Food provision within Health and Social Care settings has been highlighted as an important area for development, both in terms of food provided to patients and clients throughout healthcare facilities, and in leading system change and modelling good practice that will improve standards across Northern Ireland, helping to shift the norm of food offerings so that they become healthier. The standards will apply to all facilities that serve food and/or beverages to staff and visitors operating within Health and Social Care settings including catering facilities as well as private retail and vending machines. It is planned that they should be adhered to when food contracts are being specified in the procurement process and should also be applied when planning menus.

### Purpose of this consultation

To seek stakeholders' views on the standards and to identify any challenges to their implementation across all facilities that serves food and/or beverages to staff and visitors operating within Health and Social Care settings.

## Consultation pack

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