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In our hospital the experience our patients have is extremely important to us. Making a choice about what they wish to eat and drink is an essential part of the patient experience.

The aim of this booklet is to assist people who have difficulties in communicating what they would like to eat and drink.

It can be used by anybody -Speech & Language Therapists, Dietitians, Ward Staff, 'Volunteers', relatives and friends.

Read the menu choices aloud while showing the patient the appropriate picture, then allow the patient to point to the chosen picture item or give you a yes/no response. For example:-

'Do you prefer tea, coffee or hot chocolate?'

'Do you like milk in your drink?'

'Do you like sugar or sweetener in your drink?'

And so gradually building up a list of the patients preferred choices. Write these down for other members of the care team to use and give the list to the host ordering the meals.

'Do you prefer a pasta dish or a casserole?'

'Do you prefer the vegetarian pasta dish or the fish?'

'Do you like gravy on that?'

Points to remember

- Ensure the person can see and hear you, check they are wearing their glasses/hearing aid if required.
- Reduce distractions e.g. turn off the TV or radio, go somewhere quiet if possible.
- Ensure you have the person's attention before talking.
- Sit down with the person and establish eye contact.
- Speak slowly and clearly.
- Read the choices aloud whilst pointing to the appropriate picture.
- Use short simple sentences or single words yes/no questions may be easier to answer.
- Allow the patient plenty of time to respond.
- Point to the menu, and encourage them to point to make choices.
- Repeat back what you think the person has said to check you have understood.

Hot Drinks

Tea



Coffee

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Hot Chocolate



Decaffeinated Coffee



Milk



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Sweetener















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Cold Drinks

Milk



Water

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Apple Juice



Orange Juice



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Lemon Squash



Orange Squash



Cereals

Porridge



Weetabix

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Cornflakes











Bran Flakes

Sugar

Milk









Bread/Toast

White

Brown





Butter

Spread





Jam and Marmalade



Soups

Chunky Soup





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Smooth Soup









Potato and Rice

Mashed Potato

Roast Potato









Potato Wedges/Chips

Rice





Gravy



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Pasta Meal





Beef

Vegetable





Omelette





Plain

Vegetable

Cheese









Lasagne



Beef

Vegetable





Pie



Steak

Chicken

Vegetable







Roast

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Lamb

Chicken

Pork









Stew



Beef

Lamb

Chicken











Meatballs







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Chicken in Sauce

Chicken Curry









Sausages





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Vegetables

Broccoli





Carrots





Mixed Vegetables











Jacket Potato

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Grated Cheese

Baked Beans





Tuna





Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps

Brown Sandwich

White Sandwich





Bread Roll

Wrap





Fillings

Chicken Egg Cheese Ham Beef Tuna

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Salads

Salad





Chicken



Ham



Egg



Vegetable



Cheese



Tuna



Hot Desserts

Sponge

Fruit Pie





Crumble

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Mixed Fruit

Apple







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Custard

Ice Cream





Cold Desserts

Ice Cream

Jelly

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Fruit Yoghurt

Crème Caramel





Rice Pudding

Stewed Fruit

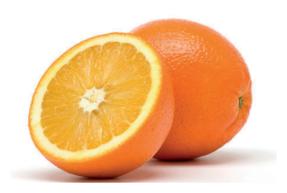




Cold Desserts

Orange

Apple





Cheese and Crackers

Tinned Fruit





Snacks

Biscuit

Cake

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Yoghurt





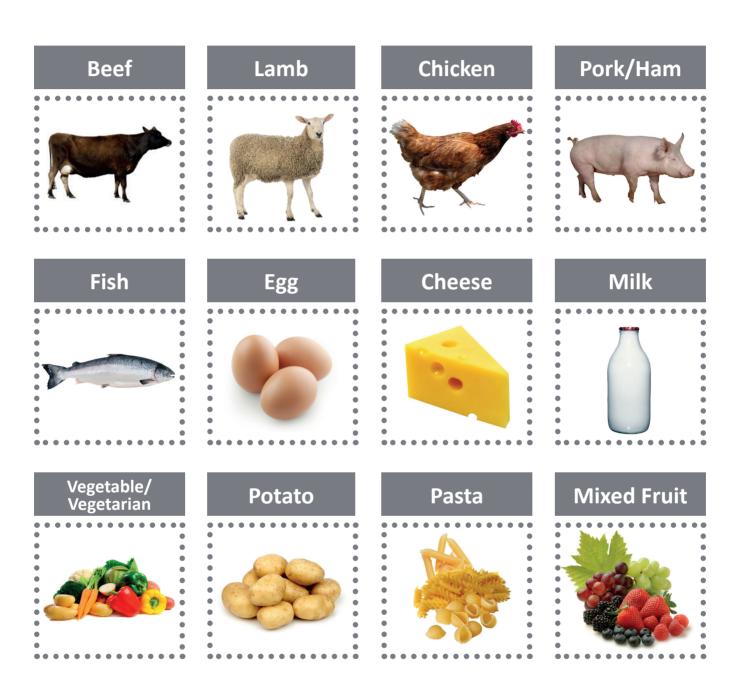
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Orange

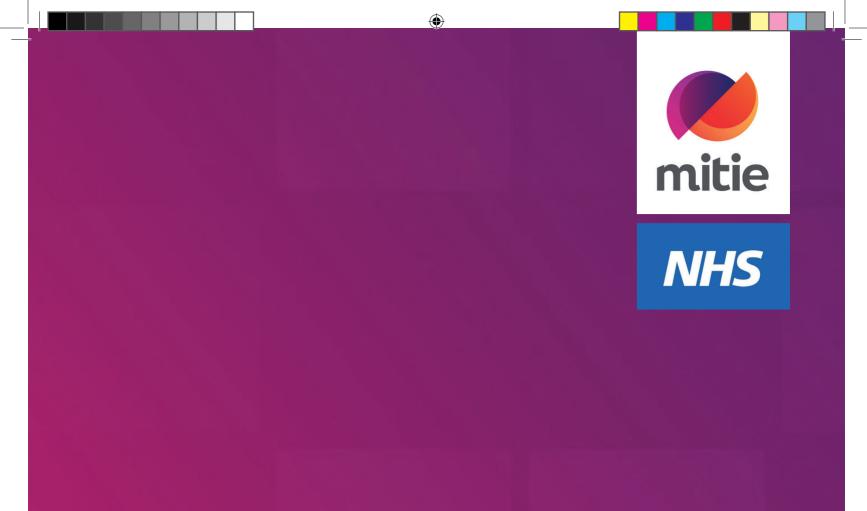




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