

**BETTER HOSPITAL FOOD  
IMPORTANT NEWS  
LEADING CHEF DISHES  
AUGUST AND DECEMBER TARGETS**

All 7 of the Loyd Grossman Leading Chefs have agreed to work with NHS Estates again this year. The programme will be varied- but will include the overall aim to increase the number of Leading Chef Dishes in the National Dish Selector from 43 to +100 by December.

There will be a special emphasis on vegetarian and children's meals along with an exciting range of "chunky" soups.

Given this massive expansion of choice NHS Estates are keen to encourage optimum use of these Dishes.

We can – therefore – advise you that **the requirement to use 1 Leading Chef's Dish per day by August has been relaxed.** Many hospitals are well underway in implementing this (some are planning for 2 dishes per day by August) and we would encourage you to continue so patients can experience early benefits from the BHF programme.

However – given the massive expansion of choice for hospitals in the National Dish Selector later in the year we would feel it will be possible to exceed the earlier target. **The revised requirement is – therefore - for all hospitals to be using 3 Leading Chef's Dishes per day by December 2001.**

Please be in touch with us at [betterhospitalfood@doh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:betterhospitalfood@doh.gsi.gov.uk) if you need any further guidance or support.

**Note;**

**The Vegetarian Society recently held a poll for us on their web site. The asked members to nominated their favourite vegetarian dishes and we will use the Top 30 choices for NHS dish development.**