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Our Ref: FOI 3069

Thank you for your request concerning sanitary products.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

#### QUESTIONS

1. **Does your Trust provide free female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) to in-patients?**
2. **Does your trust have a policy covering the provision of female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) to in-patients? If yes, please provide this policy.**
3. **How many premises with inpatient beds are there in your trust, and at how many of these premises are female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) available to purchase on site? For example, in shops or bathroom vending-machines.**
4. **How much did your trust spend (£) on female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) in the following financial years:**
  - 2017/18
  - 2016/17
  - 2015/16
  - 2014/15
  - 2013/14
  - 2012/13

**And, where possible, please provide a breakdown of this spending against the products' NHS Supply Chain catalogue codes.**

5. **How many inpatients beds were there in your trust for each of the following financial years?**
  - 2017/18
  - 2016/17
  - 2015/16
  - 2014/15
  - 2013/14
  - 2012/13

6. **Please provide a list of all items that are supplied to in-patients free of charge in your trust, and a list of all items which you advise in-patients to bring with them for an overnight or extended stay.**

**ANSWER**

Information regarding the provision of sanitary products within our Trust is already in the public domain<sup>1</sup>. Please follow this [link](#) to a previously published response.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

*Sue Smith*

**Sue Smith  
Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).



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<sup>1</sup> Section 21 – Information is accessible through other means.