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Thank you for your request concerning the sale of female sanitary products.

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

For the 2017-18 financial year, please provide:

QUESTIONS

- 1. Income raised from the sale of female sanitary products on the NHS trusts' sites – in vending machines, retail outlets or in any other instance whereby revenue is raised for/by the trust through the sale of female sanitary products**
- 2. The price of each sanitary product that is made available for purchase across the trust's sites. Please provide a description of the brand and type of product, size of the pack or unit value and where the product is on sale (shop, bathroom vending machine etc). If the price of the product has fluctuated over the course of the financial year, please provide the standard retail price when it was not subject to any kind of promotion. This figure should be the price at which the product has been retailed for the most substantial period of time during the year. (I.e. if the product has retailed at x price for three months and y price for six months, please provide y.**
- 3. Total expenditure by the trust on sanitary products for the use of patients, whether in-patients or out-patients.**
- 4. Volume of sanitary products purchased by the trust for the use of patients, broken down by type of product – tampon, pads, etc.**
- 5. Confirmation of whether the trust has any policy(s) or formal approach in place concerning the provision of sanitary products to patients and how patients can obtain these products free of charge when under the care of the trust.**
- 6. If such a policy or formal approach exists, please provide a copy of any such documentation that confirms the policy and informs staff and patients about it.**

ANSWER

We do not sell sanitary products; staff and service users are encouraged to supply their own.

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](#).

