

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 09 October 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. Does your trust provide free female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) to in-patients?

Yes.

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.

No

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.

2 Shops

1 Bathroom Vending Machine

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** EOC018 - £219.94, EOF017 - £0.98
- **2016/17** EOC018 - £246.55, EOF017 - £1.96
- **2015/16** EOC018 - £134.89, EOC025 - £159.38, EOF017 - £1.96
- **2014/15** EOC018 - £229.36, EOC021 - £188.36, EOC025 - £171.64, EOF017 - £3.92
- **2013/14** The Trust does not hold this information.
- **2012/13** The Trust does not hold this information.

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

This information is available on the NHS England website and can be found here:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/>.

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.

In-Patients are provided with the following:-

Soap

Toothbrush & toothpaste

Hair comb

Flannel

Shampoo

Towel

Sanitary towels are free of charge and available on all wards.

Please see patient information leaflet attached containing guidance for elective pre-admission in-patients.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator

For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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