

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 12 October 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

- 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**

The Trust does not record this information

- 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.**

Please see below, items are available in shops and vending machines.

- **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

- 3. Total expenditure by the trust on sanitary products for the use of patients, whether in-patients or out-patients.**

The Trust does not record this information in an easily obtainable format. To obtain this would entail trawling through individual invoices to separate these items, this would exceed the appropriate time limit.

- 4. Volume of sanitary products purchased by the trust for the use of patients, broken down by type of product – tampon, pads, etc.**

512 packs of 10 of Sanitary Towels and 1 Pack of 12 Tampons

- 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.

With regards to questions 5 & 6 above, I can confirm we do not have a policy for sanitary products on wards. However sanitary pads are available for all clinical areas via procurement and are available at all times both being offered and on request

Please note none of the figures provided include maternity pads or any other maternity sanitary product, neither do they include any incontinence products.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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