



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th July 2018 (received into our office 31st July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding sanitary products.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Does your Trust have a policy on providing sanitary products during menstruation, for free, to inpatients in hospitals/clinics?

A1 No

Q2 If yes, can you please provide me with copies of this policy and any relevant documentation relating to how it this policy is implemented?

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Can you provide details of what happens if a patient runs short of sanitary products during a hospital stay? Is there a process by which the hospital/clinic in question will provide these products – if yes, please provide full details of what the process is?

A3 In an emergency, sanitary products are supplied to patients; however patients are advised to bring personal items including sanitary products with them.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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