



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-501

Date: 4th December 2018

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 20th November 2018 (received into our office 21st November) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding female 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 For the 2017-18 financial year, please provide:
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**

A1 Not applicable to UHNM as we do not have any vending machines on either site

Q2 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.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Total expenditure by the Trust on sanitary products for the use of patients, whether in-patients or out-patients.

A3 The Trust has had a spend of approximately £3000 on sanitary products in 2017-18 financial year.

Q4 Volume of sanitary products purchased by the Trust for the use of patients, broken down by type of product – tampon, pads, etc.

A4 The spend was for sanitary towels.

Q5 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.

A5 There is no Policy concerning the provision of sanitary products nor do we have a formal approach. In an emergency, sanitary products are supplied to patients; however patients are advised to bring personal items including sanitary products with them.

Q6 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.

Please provide this information in spreadsheet format, and include the trust's full name and the three-letter NHS Trust code.

A6 Not applicable. Trust name as at letterhead, three-letter NHS Trust code: RJE

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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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