



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-412

Royal Stoke University Hospital
Quality, Safety and Compliance Department
Newcastle Road
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire
ST4 6QG

Date: 5th November 2018

Tel: 01782 676474
Email FOI@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 12th October 2018 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 provide free female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) to in-patients?

A1 We advise patients to bring their own, but we do provide if required.

Q2 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.

A2 No

Q3 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

A3 Two premises, sanitary products can be purchased in a shop on both sites. There are no vending machines on either site.

Q4 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
- 2016/17
- 2015/16
- 2014/15
- 2013/14

- 2012/13

And, where possible, please provide a breakdown of this spending against the products' NHS Supply Chain catalogue codes.

A4 Information not held

Q5 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

A5 Please see below:

- 2017/18 = 1385
- 2016/17 = 1321
- 2015/16 = 1362
- 2014/15 = 1264
- 2013/14 = 1040
- 2012/13 = 1017

Q6 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.

A6 We generally advise patients to bring in their own clothes and toiletries. If patients do not bring these we do provide a minimal amount.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

UHNM NHS Trust is a public sector body and governed by EU law. FOI requestors should note that any new Trust requirements over the EU threshold will be subject to these regulations and will be advertised for open competition accordingly.

Where the Trust owns the copyright in information provided, you may re-use the information in line with the conditions set out in the Open Government Licence v3 which is available at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>. Where information was created by third parties, you should contact them directly for permission to re-use the information.

An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.


Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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,



Leah Carlisle
Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance