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REQUEST & RESPONSE

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

These are not routinely supplied, however, clinical areas carry a small supply of products for use if patients run out or require them at short notice.

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.

There is no written policy in place

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.

The Trust has 3 sites with Inpatient beds:

- St Helens Hospital
- Whiston Hospital
- Newton Community Hospital

In total we have 17 vending machines across the 3 sites from which sanitary products can be purchased.

Sanitary products can also be purchased at the retail outlet on each site.

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 £543.70
- 2016/17 £683.94
- 2015/16 £745.89
- 2014/15 £808.84
- 2013/14 Records do not go this far back (NHSSC online reports)
- 2012/13 Records do not go this far back (NHSSC online reports)

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

These are all code EOC018.

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

Beds available as per Quarter 4 of KH03 submission (overnight and day only),
General & Acute beds

	Beds
2012/13	707
2013/14	709
2014/15	710
2015/16	726
2016/17	730
2017/18	734

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.

Patients are provided with sanitary press on towels (code EOC018) if required.

The items that patients are advised to bring with them are;

- Admission letter
- Any changes to personal details eg GP, address, telephone number
- Soap, towels etc
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Nightwear (and a spare if possible)
- Any pills or medicines
- Spectacles, hearing aids etc
- Some money for the telephone and television at the bedside and items that may be needed from the shop
- Telephone number of person collecting them