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**Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 006-1920**

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about hand drying. Please find our response attached.

Yours sincerely,

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## Hand Drying Questionnaire – Freedom Of Information request

### FAO the Estate/Facilities Manager

1. Trust/Health Board Name: 2gether NHS Foundation Trust
2. Number of hospitals managed: 7
3. What type of hand drying systems do you provide in the washrooms located in the following areas of your hospitals? Please tick all that apply.
  - a. **Clinical:**
    - Folded Paper Hand Towels
    - Rolled Paper Hand Towels
    - Electrical Hand Dryers
    - Cotton Roller Towels
    - Other (please specify) [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - b. **Public Areas:**
    - Folded Paper Hand Towels
    - Rolled Paper Hand Towels
    - Electrical Hand Dryers
    - Cotton Roller Towels
    - Other (please specify) [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing, etc):**
    - Folded Paper Hand Towels
    - Rolled Paper Hand Towels
    - Electrical Hand Dryers
    - Cotton Roller Towels
    - Other (please specify) [Click here to enter text.](#)
4. If electrical dryers are used please state type - tick all that apply.
  - a. **Clinical:**
    - Warm Air Dryers
    - Jet Air Dryers
  - b. **Public Areas:**
    - Warm Air Dryers
    - Jet Air Dryers
  - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing, etc):**
    - Warm Air Dryers
    - Jet Air Dryers

5. If other hand drying systems are used, or combinations of systems are employed, please give details:
  - a. **Clinical:**Click here to enter text.
  - b. **Public Areas:**Click here to enter text.
  - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc):**Click here to enter text.
  
6. What were the main reasons for choosing the hand drying systems you use in:
  - a. **Clinical:**Paper towels have been scientifically proven to be the most effective hand drying system in terms of infection control and prevention.
  - b. **Public Areas:**as above
  - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing, etc):**as above
  
7. Have you changed your hand drying methods in the past year? If so, please give details of the change and the reasons why?no
  
8. Do you have any plans to change your hand drying systems? If so what do you plan to change to and why?:no
  
9. In your opinion which is the most hygienic method of hand drying for hospital environments? Please tick one:
  - Paper Hand Towels
  - Electrical Hand Dryers
  - Cotton Roller Towels
  - Other (please specify)Click here to enter text.
  - Don't know
  
10. Any other comments you would like to make about hand drying?: