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Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 208-1819

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about sanitary products. Please find the Trust's response below.

1. Does your trust provide free female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) to in-patients? **Yes**
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. **No**
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.
There are 8 premises with inpatient beds. Free Sanitary products are available at all sites.
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
 - 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.

Sum of Amount (£)	YEAR						Grand Total
	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	
EOC018	23.72	77.99	79.43	82.72	74.85	88.57	427.28
EOC022	2.08	10.4					12.48
Grand Total	25.8	88.39	79.43	82.72	74.85	88.57	439.76

5. How many inpatients beds were there in your trust for each of the following financial years?
 - 2017/18 **213**
 - 2016/17 **215**
 - 2015/16 **226**
 - 2014/15 **223**
 - 2013/14 **221**
 - 2012/13 **220**
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.

Please see guidance for inpatients below:

Clothing & Toiletries

A welcoming Toiletry Pack will be given to you on arrival.

We are only able to provide emergency clothing, so it is essential that you bring with you, clearly labelled, if possible:

- *At least 3 sets of day clothes*
- *Suitable footwear: one pair of shoes and one pair of slippers*
- *Dressing gown and 2-3 sets of night wear*
- *Coat*
- *Toiletries: liquid soap, shaving gel etc avoiding bars of soap as they do not comply with our Health & Hygiene policies.*

Labelling items of clothing and property is really important as it enables us to return items that people have lost to their rightful owners.

Towels are provided

Other useful items

- *Your medication*
- *Spectacles*
- *Hearing aids*
- *Any telephone numbers you may need*

Yours sincerely,

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