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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014743 – Hand drying

Please see attached response to your request and please note all Facilities Management services are provided by our Private Finance Initiative Partner, Summit Healthcare.

The Trust's contract with our PFI Partner expires after 17th May 2041 and the project term is for 40years, hand dryers and paper towels are part of this contract

Hand Drying Questionnaire – Freedom Of Information request

FAO the Estate/Facilities Manager

1. **Trust/Health Board Name:** - The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust
2. **Number of hospitals managed:** - 1 Hospital, 2 outpatient centres
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:** - N/A
 - b. **Public Areas:** - N/A
 - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc):** - N/A
6. What were the main reasons for choosing the hand drying systems you use in:
- a. **Clinical:** - most hygienic
 - b. **Public Areas:** - cost effective
 - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing, etc):** - most hygienic
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?: - no