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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014419 – Sanitary products

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

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.

Questions 1 & 2 please go to the disclosure log on the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/> and in the search box type 014276

3. How many premises with inpatient beds are there in your trust - one 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. -  
- Shop on 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 - £69.66
- 2016/17 - £477.37
- 2015/16 - £108.10
- 2014/15 - £97.70
- 2013/14
- 2012/13

The Trust is only able to go back to 14/15 as NHSSC do not hold records for more than 5 years  
And, where possible, please provide a breakdown of this spending against the products' NHS Supply Chain catalogue codes.

All usage for the above years is against NHSSC product code EOC018.

5. How many inpatients beds were there in your trust for each of the following financial years?

- 2017/18 - 680
- 2016/17 - 694
- 2015/16 - 705
- 2014/15 - 732
- 2013/14 - 712
- 2012/13 - 699

Beds are constantly changing, the numbers above are a snapshot at the end of the financial year

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.

- There is no official document that specifies what is provided for free.

For advise on what to bring please go to the Trust website <http://dudleygroup.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-visitto-hospital/what-to-bring/>