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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked:

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

All the medical wards which provide care to female patients have a stock of sanitary products with the exception of CCU.

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.*

The Trust does not have a policy relating to female sanitary products.

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.*

Two sites at the Trust have inpatient beds and will have female sanitary products available. The shop on the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary site sell female sanitary products, there is a chemist on the Leigh Lift site which also sells Female Sanitary products. Currently Wrightington Hospital do not have any facilities, we did have a dispenser which wasn't used so that was removed and no complaints have been received regarding the lack of service.

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:*

Code	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
EOA009		249.72	250.95	275.25
EOA011	3.3			
EOA012			2.95	
EOA013	57.6	57.6	69.12	76.84
EOC018	299.86	315.81	287.15	333.91
EOC023		109.9		43.96
EOC024	14.46			
EOC025				82.98
EOF017	21.56	1.96	0.98	63.7
Grand Total	396.78	734.99	611.15	876.64

- 2013/14 - No data available
- 2012/13 - No data available

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

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

- 2017/18 - 31st March 2018 – 531 beds
- 2016/17 - 31st March 2017 – 543 beds
- 2015/16 - 31st March 2016 – 540 beds
- 2014/15 - 31st March 2015 – 535 beds
- 2013/14 - 31st March 2014 – 526 beds
- 2012/13 - 31st March 2013 – 526 beds

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.

We are not aware of any free items that are supplied for patient care or comforts which are donated to the trust with the exception of the clothing wardrobe for patients on discharge.

A list of all items we advise in-patients to bring for an overnight or extended stay are listed in the Trusts patient information leaflets which are available on the Trusts internet page, which you can access using the address below:

<http://www.wwl.nhs.uk/>

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Foster', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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