

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 18-466

Date 10 August 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

**1.Does your Trust have a policy on providing sanitary products during menstruation, for free, to inpatients in hospitals/clinics?**

No.

**2.If yes, can you please provide me with copies of this policy and any relevant documentation relating to how it this policy is implemented?**

N/a

**3.Can you provide details of what happens if a patient runs short of sanitary products during a hospital stay? Is there a process by which the hospital/clinic in question will provide these products – if yes, please provide full details of what the process is.**

All wards within the Trust have a small amount of Sanitary products or can access some that patients can access in an emergency. However patients are expected on the whole to supply their own sanitary products.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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