

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_444\_18

### You asked:

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

The Health Board does provide the above products to patients receiving gynaecological treatments and surgeries.

- 2) Does your Local Health Board 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 Health Board does not have a policy for the provision of items.

- 3) How many premises with inpatient beds are there in your Local Health Board, 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 [seven](#) premises within the Health Board with inpatient beds.

In-patient sites would be Prince Charles Hospital, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Ysbyty Cwm Cynon, Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda, Y Bwthyn (Pontypridd and District Hospital), Ysbyty George Thomas and Pinewood House.

Prince Charles Hospital provides sanitary vending to purchase in four public toilets in maternity entrance / main / Emergency Care Centre (ECC) and ECC reception.

Acute and community sites also have a Royal Voluntary Service (RVS) shop that sells a small variety of products.

- 3a) How much did your Local Health Board spend (£) on female sanitary products (such as sanitary pads and tampons, but excluding maternity sanitary products) in the following financial years:**

The total spend for each of these years as follows:

-2017/18	£530.60
-2016/17	£544.40
-2015/16	£562.60
-2014/15	£545.10

- 2013/14 - we are unable to provide
- 2012/13 - we are unable to provide

Through expenditure, the only product we order is "TAMPON WITH TAPE NO 1 NON STERILE (PACK 12)".

**4) How many inpatients beds were there in your Local Health Board for each of the following financial years?**

**Number of Allocated Beds at 31 March:**

<b>Hospital Site</b>	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Pinewood House	15	24	24	24	22	16
Dewi Sant	78	78	*	*	*	*
Pontypridd & District	6	6	6	6	6	6
Mental Health Services	69	66	78	75	76	74
Princess of Wales Hospital	19	19	19	15	16	16
Royal Glamorgan Hospital	427	448	473	446	468	477
Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda	109	108	108	111	108	108
Ysbyty George Thomas	69	72	71	61	47	26
Prince Charles Hospital	382	391	391	397	402	383
Ysbyty Cwm Cynon	122	122	122	122	125	126
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,257</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>1,232</b>

**5) Please provide a list of all items that are supplied to in-patients free of charge in your health board, and a list of all items which you advise in-patients to bring with them for an overnight or extended stay.**

The only thing we have purchased is "TAMPON WITH TAPE O1 NON STERILE (PACK 12)".

Patients are required to bring their own toiletries and items of clothing for their overnight stays. However if patients do not have essential items cloths, soap and towels are provided. In addition ,if female patients are receiving gynaecological procedures tampons and sanitary towels are available from the ward staff.