

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_103_19

You asked:

Please see question attached.

Our response:

Please see response attached as requested.

Hand Drying Questionnaire – Freedom Of Information request

FAO the Estate/Facilities Manager

1. Trust/Health Board Name:Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB)
2. Number of hospitals managed:9
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 Papers
 - ☒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:**Infection Control guidance.
 - b. **Public Areas:**Infection Control guidance. As we have only just formed as CTMUHB we cannot yet provide reasons for use of electrical hand dryers in the Bridgend locality area (previously part of Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board) and this will be reviewed in line with the vision of paper towel only due to concerns hand dryer can possibly contaminate environment due to hand movement and air flow.
 - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing, etc):**Infection Control guidance.
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 plans to change at present. However as noted above, a review on use of electrical hand dryers to be carried out in Bridgend locality.**
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.**