

Date: **16 April 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5160**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your request below:

**Your Request and Our Response (in bold)**

1. *Trust/Health Board Name:* **Great Ormond Street for Children NHS Foundation Trust**

2. *Number of hospitals managed:* **1**

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. We have ticked the boxes relevant to GOSH:*

**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 Paper Hand Towels*

*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. We have ticked the boxes relevant to GOSH:*

- a. Clinical: N/A**  
 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: **N/A**
- a. Clinical:**  
**b. Public Areas:**  
**c. Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc)**
6. What were the main reasons for choosing the hand drying systems you use in: **We have responded as below:**
- a. Clinical: Infection Control**  
**b. Public Areas: Cost**  
**c. Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing, etc): Infection control and hygiene practises**
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**
9. In your opinion which is the most hygienic method of hand drying for hospital environments? Please tick one: **This question is seeking an opinion rather than a request for recorded information under the Freedom of information Act 2000. We are not obliged to provide an opinion under the terms of the Act.**
- Paper Hand Towels  
 Electrical Hand Dryers  
 Cotton Roller Towels  
 Other (please specify )  
 Don't know

*Any other comments you would like to make about hand drying?* **No**

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date the request was received by the Trust.

I trust the information provided is sufficient and helps to answer any concerns, questions or issues you may have.

If you should have any further queries related to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team. Please ensure that the above reference number is quoted on any correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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