

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Please complete the attached survey on hand drying in hospitals under the Freedom of Information Act.

Response:

[Please see attached.](#)

Hand Drying Questionnaire – Freedom Of Information request

FAO the Estate/Facilities Manager

1. Trust/Health Board Name:Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust
2. Number of hospitals managed:15
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 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.
 - 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:**None
 - b. **Public Areas:**None
 - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing etc):**None
6. What were the main reasons for choosing the hand drying systems you use in:
- a. **Clinical:**Appropriate for area
 - b. **Public Areas:**Appropriate for area
 - c. **Other e.g. catering, back office (inventory, purchasing, etc):**Appropriate for area
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:
- Paper Hand Towels
 - Electrical Hand Dryers
 - Cotton Roller Towels
 - Other (please specify)**The most appropriate system depends on the area, usage and client group.**
 - Don't know
10. Any other comments you would like to make about hand drying?:**None**