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**