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## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Hand drying systems.

*You asked:*

- 1. Trust/health Board name.*
- 2. Number of hospitals managed.*
- 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*
  - b. Public areas*
  - c. Other e.g. catering, back office*
- 4. If electrical dryers are used please state type. Tick all that apply.*
  - a. Clinical*
  - b. Public areas*
  - c. Other e.g. catering, back office*
- 5. If other drying systems are used, or a combination of systems are employed, please give details.*
  - a. Clinical*
  - b. Public areas*
  - c. Other e.g. catering, back office*
- 6. What were the main reasons for choosing the hand drying systems you use in?*
  - a. Clinical*
  - b. Public areas*
  - c. Other e.g. catering, back office*
- 7. Have you changed your hand drying methods in the past year? If so please give details of the changes and the reasons why.*
- 8. Do you have any plans to change your hand drying systems? If so what do you plan to change to and why?*

9. *In your opinion which is the most hygienic method of hand drying for hospital environments? Please tick one.*

10. *Any other comments you would like to make about hand drying?*

Trust response:

1. Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust

2. 2

3.

a. Folded paper towels

b. Folded paper towels

Electrical hand dryers

c. Folded paper towels

4. If electrical dryers are used please state type. Tick all that apply.

a. Not applicable

b. Warm air dryers

c. Not applicable

5. Not applicable

6.

b. Air dryers used in some public areas for environmental and cost reasons.

7. No

8. No

9. This question does not fall within the remit of the Freedom of Information Act

10. No