

MLKDC – PROVISION OF FREE PERIOD PRODUCTS - STATEMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS

MLKDC Statement on Arrangements for the Provision of Free Period Products

Details of Specified Public Services Body (Mandatory)

Name of Specified Public Service Body	Maze Long Kesh Development Corporation
Main Address	94 Halftown Road Lisburn BT27 5RF
Reference to Annex/hyperlink to full list of sites where free period products are available	Homepage - Maze Long Kesh

Publication Details (Mandatory)

Date of first publication	29 September 2026
Dates of subsequent publications	N/A
Where will this Statement be published?	On the MLKDC website

Details of Consultation Carried Out (Mandatory)

WHEN was the consultation carried out? <i>Enter start and finish date. Consultation must last at least 8 weeks.</i>	April to May 2026
WHO was consulted? <i>As a minimum, this should be product users who are likely to be on the premises, as the SPSB thinks appropriate.</i>	Staff across four organisations with an onsite presence and as representatives of their potential visitors.
HOW was the consultation carried out? i the ways in which products users ought to be able to obtain free period products? ii the locations in the SPSBs premises in which period products ought to be obtainable free of charge? iii the types of period products which ought to be available? <i>See Template B2 for a suggested questionnaire.</i>	By email, with the option to issue responses by hardcopy. The template provided in TEO's guidance was used to capture consultee's views on i-iii.
HOW did the consultation have regard to: i the dignity, privacy and confidentiality of product users; and ii articles which are reusable.	The questionnaire provided consultees with the opportunity to comment on i & ii.

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The Arrangements (Mandatory Section)

What arrangements are being put in place as a result of the consultation?

In completing this section, SPSBs must include details on-

- How the arrangements have had regard to the consultation carried out*
- How the arrangements have had regard to Departmental Guidance*
- The products that will be provided, and how these represent:
a reasonable choice that will be sufficient to meet the person's needs while on the premises, having regard to items which are reusable (see 21 - 25)*
- Where the products will be located (Note that where a SPSB operates over a number of sites, the locations specified must include locations in premises at each such site)*
- How the arrangements will ensure that products are obtained 'reasonably easily' (see paragraph 14) in a way that respects dignity, privacy and confidentiality (paragraphs 15-20)*

The arrangements broadly reflect the outcomes of the consultation and will be monitored and augmented as required. They are also compliant as far as practicable and reasonable with the Departmental Guidance.

Products are now available at three locations on the site:

- MLKDC Office Complex - Ladies & Disabled Toilets
- MLKDC Office Complex – Amenity Block Ladies Toilets
- UAS Hangar Buildings – Unisex Toilet

Both pads and tampons are provided, placed in a basket or receptacle on a suitable surface or location within the toilet blocks. They will be monitored and replenished regularly. This provides ease of access whilst also providing suitable privacy/confidentiality and preserving dignity.

As there was no notable demand for reusable products arising from the consultation and given the higher cost this has been discounted but will be kept under consideration.

Publicising the Arrangements (Mandatory Section)

How will the SPSB publicise the availability of free products-

- i *the availability of free products, in a way that respects dignity, privacy and confidentiality?*
- ii *that the products are not just available but are free of charge?*
- iii *the arrangements for obtaining the products, including how, where and when they may be obtained?*

Posters advertising the availability of free period products have been placed at each amenity block and other appropriate locations across the site. Given that tampon products are being provided 'loose' in the interim, information on Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) has also been provided, this is not a requirement of the Act but the issue of TSS is referred to in the guidance.

Publication in this way supports the normalisation and visibility of period and period products whilst the practical arrangements provide balance in terms of privacy and dignity to individuals.