

# Policy and Sustainability

10.00, Thursday, 22 August 2024

## Provision of Free Period Products

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 Members of the Policy and Sustainability Committee are asked to note the contents of the report discharging the approved motion from Cllr Bennett.
- 1.2 Members are also asked to approve the draft Statement on Exercise of Functions (Appendix 1) for publication, as required by the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021

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# Report

## Provision of Free Period Products

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report responds to the motion from Councillor Bennett on Period Product Provision. It also outlines the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 and seeks approval to publish the local authority (Edinburgh) Statement on Exercise of Functions which is a requirement of the Act.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The [Period Products \(Free Provision\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021](#) (link is external) came into force on 15 August 2022. Local Authorities have a legal duty to make period products freely available for anyone who needs them. The provisions in the Act supersede the Period Products in Schools Regulations 2020.
- 3.2 The Act is set out in two sections and Councils are required to communicate how they will fulfil the duties placed on them:
- 3.2.1 Section 1 of the Act: places a duty on Local Authorities to make period products obtainable free of charge for anyone who needs to use them. (Community provision).
- 3.2.2 Section 2 of the Act: places a duty on education providers to make period products obtainable free of charge on their premises for pupils and students during term time. (Education provision).
- 3.3 Councillor Bennett's motion requested a report detailing (where such information was available) on the following:
- 3.3.1 Which areas of the city were reporting running out of products for those in need?
- 3.3.2 Which public buildings were seeing an increase in people taking free period products?
- 3.3.3 Details on the status of premises that provided free period products (i.e., were they open for staff, the public and whether hours of access were restricted to assess whether it was restriction of provision or access to buildings which was causing the problem).

- 3.3.4 Widely publicise the link to the 'Hey Girls' website where building managers could apply to become a community partner and access appropriate products.
- 3.3.5 Which third sector organisations and buildings were seeing an increase in people taking free period products.
- 3.3.6 The possible costs associated with extension of provision.
- 3.3.7 The possible costs associated with extension or provision of specifically biodegradable or reusable products.
- 3.3.8 An application scheme for interested parties to receive products to distribute.
- 3.3.9 The report should cover provision for key partners such as pantries, food banks, and third sector organisations, where access to period products was a vital part of the support provided and where access had been limited since the Council's citywide roll out.

## 4. Main report

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### **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021: Statement on Exercise of Functions**

- 4.1 Local Authorities are required to produce and communicate a Statement on Exercise of Functions. This document (Appendix 1) summarises the arrangements put in place to meet the legal duties and includes public consultation.
- 4.2 The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 requires local authorities to engage with and consult children, young people and the wider public. Feedback from engagement helped inform the (Edinburgh) Statement on the Exercise of Functions and the arrangements to provide free products that meet people's needs.
- 4.3 The consultation was widely promoted, and 5,383 responses were received. The key themes which inform our approach to meeting our duties are:
  - Type of Product and Branding
  - Promotion and Marketing
  - Where to get products/accessibility
  - Training and Education
  - Other (for comments that didn't form a single theme)
- 4.4 A series of engagement events led by the Youth Work Team, took place with schools and pupils. In addition, parents and carers attending Discover during the school holidays participated in workshops to both inform and consult.
- 4.5 The Statement on Exercise of Functions (Appendix 1) sets out City of Edinburgh Council's commitment to providing free, accessible, and wherever possible, environmentally sustainable period products. This statement outlines current and future provision in schools and in the wider community.

## **Motion: Supply and Availability of Products**

- 4.6 The Act stipulates that free period products should be available in publicly accessible venues. Where buildings are predominantly workplaces, products are available from nearby public venues, publicised via the council website and posters.
- 4.7 A link on the Council website lists where products can be found along with an email address for any enquiries. Posters in venues ensure people know products are available and promote the email address.
- 4.8 At the time of reporting there are no reports of products regularly running out in any one venue. Occasional delays in delivery (as opposed to ordering) can occur. If this happens, staff are made aware and wherever possible products are quickly made available from other venues.
- 4.9 Free period products are available throughout the city in libraries and community centres, Edinburgh Leisure venues, council galleries and museums, schools and some third sector partners that work closely with marginalised groups. Products are also made available through Discover (holiday programme for people in poverty).
- 4.10 When the Period Product Act was introduced, initial demand was high. It became evident that having only one supplier resulted in significant delivery delays and stock supply issues. This affected overall distribution and availability of products to varying degrees.
- 4.11 To address this, officers considered the feedback from the survey and worked closely with procurement colleagues. There are now four main suppliers who can meet needs, respond to orders quickly and support our sustainability aspirations. No one supplier can be promoted over another, and products are ordered according to demand and supply.
- 4.12 School Business Managers, business support/identified colleagues in council venues and community partners have been trained and/or communicated with to ensure they are able to place timely orders. Staff can order more stock and know how to report any issues. This, coupled with the increase in suppliers has resulted in improvements in both the accessibility and range of available products.
- 4.13 A marketing campaign focussed on areas of highest deprivation as well as general promotional materials, to ensure both universal and targeted public awareness.
- 4.14 The most recent analysis shows Craigmillar, Leith, Newington, City Centre, Morningside, Wester Hailes, Pilton, Blackhall, Fountain Bridge and Gilmerton all experienced an increase in the number of products ordered and volume of distribution.
- 4.15 The third sector organisations with highest increase are His Majesties Prison Visitors Centre, Turning Point, Harm Reduction Team and Capability Scotland.
- 4.16 Consequently, there has been an increase in cost which is contained with the allocated budget.

- 4.17 The service currently provides reusable pants, pads and cups and only biodegradable disposable products that are plastic-free are provided in libraries and community centres, other venues and schools.
- 4.18 In addition to publicly accessible venues, products are provided to some third sector organisations that work with marginalised groups. Officers liaised with counterparts in Glasgow and Dundee and this approach to provision for the third sector is in line with their approach and is not counter to the Scottish Government's guidance.
- 4.19 Products are available via mobile libraries and Discover (holiday programme for families in poverty). There is also a home delivery service offered in partnership with Libraries and delivered by the Royal Voluntary Service. People who are housebound and/or socially isolated with no way to access products and with no-one to collect products on their behalf, can request home delivery via the email address, published on the council website.

#### **Motion: Extending Provision**

- 4.20 The main impediment to extending provision is capacity rather than cost, although any expansion will need to be contained within the available budget.
- 4.21 Plans to extend provision to pantries and food banks are in development and will be fully progressed when the Development Officer is recruited.
- 4.22 To further develop access to period products for everyone who menstruates, an education programme linked to sustainability education is planned as a key part of the Development Officer remit. This will then be rolled out with support from Youth Work Development Officers. Schools have been approached to identify those willing to pilot the approach and provide useful feedback.
- 4.23 A good practice model was identified in Drummond High School where a pupil led period product provision group oversees ordering, and the distribution of products within the school. This has potential to be rolled out to all schools. There is currently no capacity to co-ordinate and oversee period dignity and product provision within primary schools. Emails sent into the mailbox from primary schools are responded to, and this is a priority area for further development. products.
- 4.24 Discussions are underway with other local authorities to consider the logistics of a practical and cost-effective application scheme for interested parties to receive products for distribution.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 To address capacity issues and development of the service, approval to appoint a Development Officer (Period Products) 1 FTE at Grade 7 will be sought. The cost will be covered within the budget as a legitimate and effective spend.
- 5.2 The Development Officer will be part of the Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning Service and will focus on education, co-ordination, marketing, environmental sustainability and expansion of product availability within budget.

## 6. Financial impact

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- 6.1 The provision of free period products is contained within the budget from Scottish Government to meet the duties of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021. This includes provision for a Grade 7 Development Officer (to be appointed)
- 6.2 Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning Officers have worked closely with procurement colleagues and suppliers to achieve best value.
- 6.3 No current financial risks are identified.

## 7. Equality and Poverty Impact

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- 7.1 While access to free period products is universal via community venues and schools, particular consideration is given to people living in poverty, to those facing the greatest barriers and to anyone who may be stigmatised.
- 7.2 The approach taken by City of Edinburgh Council ensures that wherever possible education and marketing messages normalise periods. Every effort is made to ensure that anyone who needs period products can access them easily, with dignity and free from stigma or judgement.
- 7.3 The necessary cost of increased staff capacity is permitted within the budget and is required to deliver the service and maximise educational and community opportunities,

## 8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

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- 8.1 Colleagues have worked with procurement and suppliers to ensure products are re-usable, sustainable and have the lowest carbon footprint possible.

### **Environmental Impacts**

- 8.2 A key aspect of the new Development Officer remit will be to develop an educational programme that has environment and sustainability at its core.
- 8.3 Community venues and schools continue to be reminded to order enough products to reduce the need for multiple deliveries and un-necessary journeys.

## 9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

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- 9.1 As required by the Act, children, young people and the wider public were consulted.
- 9.2 The consultation was widely promoted, with 5,383 responses received. Feedback was used to develop the Statement on Exercise of Functions and marketing approaches. City of Edinburgh Council consulted with people who:
  - need to use products currently
  - need to use products in future
  - need to collect products for someone else who needs them, and

- anyone interested in giving feedback on the provision of free period products.

9.3 A survey on Microsoft Forms was carried out in January and February 2022, asking:

- have you taken free period products for yourself or others?
- what period products you prefer?
- what you think would encourage more people to take products for their own use or to give to other people?

<https://newsbeat-edinburgh.tfemagazine.co.uk/winter-202122/latest-news/what-do-you-think-about-free-period-products>

9.4 There are no identified risks associated with approving this report

## **10. Background reading/external references**

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10.1 The Scottish Government's Equality Impact Assessment is used as a reference point for developing and delivering free period products in Edinburgh:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/period-products-free-provision-scotland-act-2021-equality-impact-assessment/>

10.2 The Consultation was widely publicised including to Council staff: <https://newsbeat-edinburgh.tfemagazine.co.uk/winter-202122/latest-news/what-do-you-think-about-free-period-products>

10.3 The Council's website provides information on where to access products with an email address for enquiries: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cost-living/free-period-products>

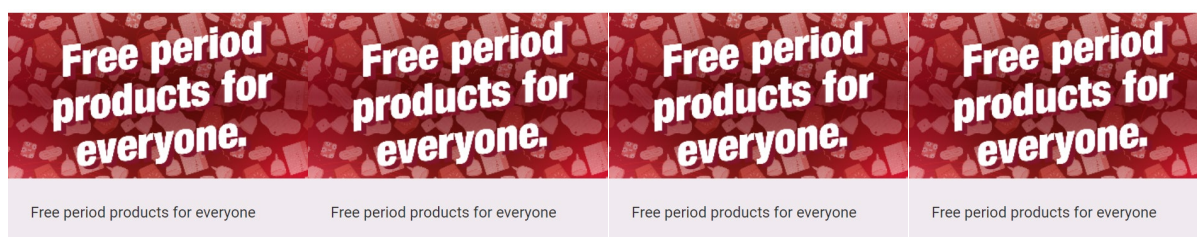
## **11. Appendices**

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11.1 Appendix 1 Draft Statement on Exercise of Functions

11.2 Appendix 2 Consultation Report

## Statement on Exercise of Functions for the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021



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### Context

The [Period Products \(Free Provision\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021](#) (link is external) came into force on 15 August 2022. Local Authorities have a legal duty to make period products freely available for anyone who needs them. In its role as Education Authorities, councils must also make free period products available in schools. The provisions in the Act supersede the Period Products in Schools Regulations 2020.

The Act is set out in two sections and Councils are required to communicate how they will fulfil the duties placed on them:

- **Section 1 of the Act:** places a duty on Local Authorities to make period products obtainable free of charge for anyone who needs to use them. (Community provision).
- **Section 2 of the Act:** places a duty on education providers to make period products obtainable free of charge on their premises for pupils and students during term time. (Education provision).

Local Authorities are required to produce and communicate a Statement on Exercise of Functions to summarise the arrangements in place to meet the legal duties. This includes carrying out one or more public consultation(s).

This statement sets out City of Edinburgh Council's commitment to providing free, accessible, and where possible, environmentally sustainable period products. This statement outlines current and future provision in schools and in the wider community.



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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 24th November 2020. It gained royal assent on 12th January 2021 and is the world's first legislation to support the provision of free period products for anyone who menstruates.
- 1.2 The Act requires Local Authorities to provide period products free of charge to anyone who needs them. A choice of easily obtainable free products should be available in a manner that is respectful, non-stigmatising and allows people to maintain dignity. Free period products should be provided in all Local Authority education establishments and a wide range of community venues.
- 1.3 Local Authorities are required to produce and communicate a Statement on Exercise of Functions. This summarises the arrangements in place put in place by the Local Authority to meet its legal duties.
- 1.4 This statement sets out the City of Edinburgh Council's commitment to providing easily accessible free period products. It outlines current and future provision in schools, education establishments and in the community. It also sets out the approach to training and awareness raising, thereby ensuring that having and talking about periods is normalised in society.

## 2. Our Commitment

- 2.1 The City of Edinburgh Council is committed to the provision of free products for those who need them. Free products have been available in schools since 2018 and products have been available in community venues such as community centres and libraries since 2020. We will continue to widen access to products.
- 2.2 Free period products are also targeted to people living in poverty through the Discover holiday programme in partnership with Edinburgh Community Food.
- 2.3 For people living alone, in isolation and who are unable to access venues to collect free products, City of Edinburgh Libraries can distribute free products via its home delivery mobile library service.
- 2.4 Third Sector organisations and youth groups can collect enough free products from their closest library or Community Centre for their users. Central ordering provision reflects this volume and is varied to accommodate the needs of smaller local organisations.
- 2.5 The City of Edinburgh Council is committed to becoming net zero and the provision of free products reflects this. Where possible products and providers are sustainable and re-usable, with consideration given to the carbon footprint of both manufacture and distribution.
- 2.6 Our Commitment is that:
  - products are free of charge and easy to access,
  - there is a reasonable choice of both single use and reusable, environmentally sustainable products,
  - products are available in council run education establishments, community centres, libraries, galleries, through Discover holiday programme and other community venues,
  - our approach is respectful, dignified and inclusive,
  - we are committed to ongoing education and training, to raising awareness and reducing stigma,
  - we will regularly engage with the community, review our provision and adjust our approach as required, and
  - we will monitor demand and review purchasing to achieve best value and meet needs

**QUOTE**, Cllr Joan Griffiths, Convener, Education, Children and Families

### 3. Consultation and Engagement

The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 requires local authorities to engage with and consult children, young people and the wider public. This feedback informed the Statement on the Exercise of Functions and also the arrangements to provide free products that meet people's needs. City of Edinburgh Council consulted with people who:

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- need to use products in future,
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A survey on Microsoft Forms was carried out in January and February 2022, asking:

- have you taken free period products for yourself or others?
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There was also a series of engagements with schools and pupils, led by youth work staff. In addition, the parents and carers attending Discover during the school holidays participated in workshops to both inform and consult.

The consultation was widely promoted with 5,383 responses received. The key themes which inform our approach to meeting our duties are:

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## 4. Community Access

A range of products is freely available in:

- Community centres
- Libraries
- Museums and Galleries
- Edinburgh leisure venues
- Further education colleges
- During Discover, a programme during all school holidays targeted to families living in poverty

Third sector organisations, youth groups and small community groups are able to collect a supply of products from their local community centre or library for distribution. Ordering for the key venues is responsive to the need of smaller local organisations.

Products are supplied by Hey Girls, Initial and occasionally other providers. City of Edinburgh Council's procurement team supports the roll out and work is ongoing to use the most environmentally friendly products with the lowest carbon footprint possible.

Edinburgh Community Food and Libraries also help distribute free products to people living in poverty and/or who are socially isolated.

## 5. Access to Products in Schools

All Edinburgh schools can order products via the central team and are required to make them freely available without pupils having to ask. They are mostly in toilets and some schools have identified other ways to ensure the products are easily accessible.

A programme of training and awareness raising events and workshops is being developed for schools, using a train the trainer approach to ensure widest possible reach and impact.

Where possible, schools are encouraged to order and promote re-usable products.

## 6. Communication and Raising Awareness

The City of Edinburgh Council undertook an extensive and creative publicity campaign to promote access to and awareness of free period products.

A launch of the roll out took place at Wester Hailes Library in March 2023, hosted by the Convener of Education, Children and Families. A young mum's group were present to talk about free products to the press and attendees.

The publicity campaign used a range of approaches including lamp post wraps in areas of highest deprivation, on social media, banners, radio adverts and bus stop publicity. Posters are also provided in all venues where products are available.

## 4. Next Steps

We will:

- continue to monitor uptake and need in schools and the wider community
- supply products via the library service to people who are housebound
- roll out a training and awareness raising programme to be delivered by youth workers, third sector partners and school staff
- be proactive in publicising where free products can be found
- continue to promote environmentally sustainable products with a low carbon footprint
- ensure that products are available in a dignified way, and challenge and support where we hear there are issues
- continue to ensure periods are normalised in society and that barriers are removed for all groups

In addition we will:

- maintain the current provision across schools and community venues
- engage with partners, schools and venues to raise awareness of the act
- update the council website
- continue to target products as part of our work to reduce poverty and inequality

For more information, please visit the City of Edinburgh Council webpage:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/periodproducts>

Or email:

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## Provision of Free Period Products in the Community: Interim report

This report was created on Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 09:21 and includes **4399** responses.

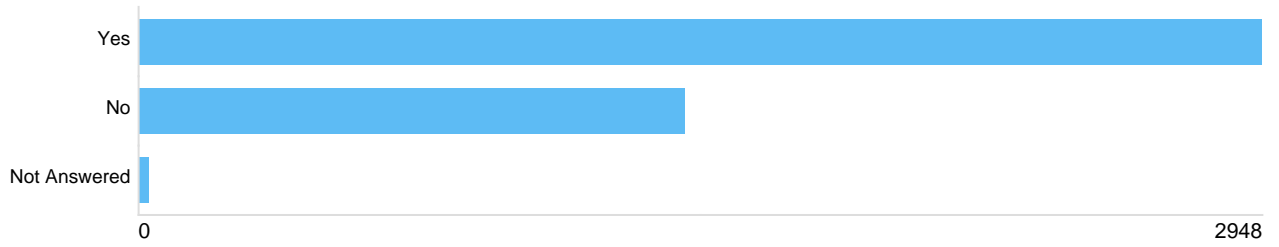
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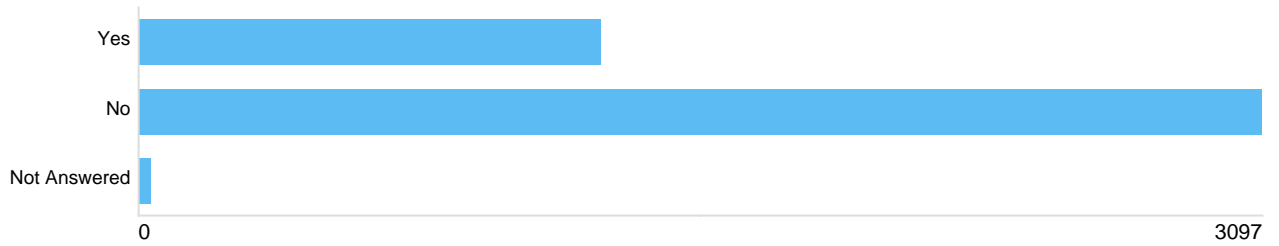
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**Awareness - Schools**



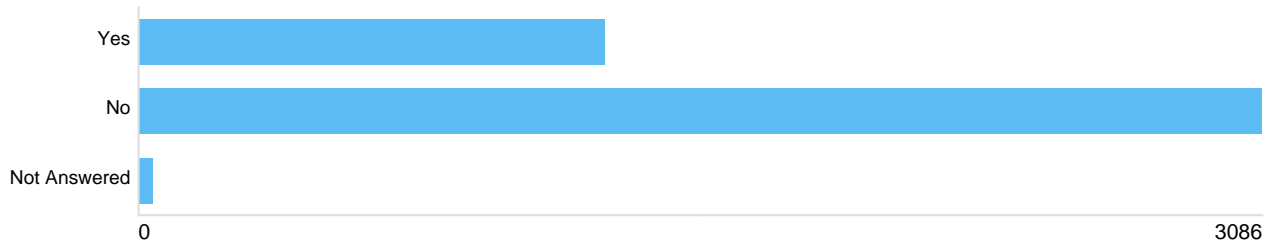
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	2948	67.02%
No	1430	32.51%
Not Answered	21	0.48%

**Awareness - Community centre**



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	1271	28.89%
No	3097	70.40%
Not Answered	31	0.70%

**Awareness - Libraries**



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	1278	29.05%
No	3086	70.15%
Not Answered	35	0.80%

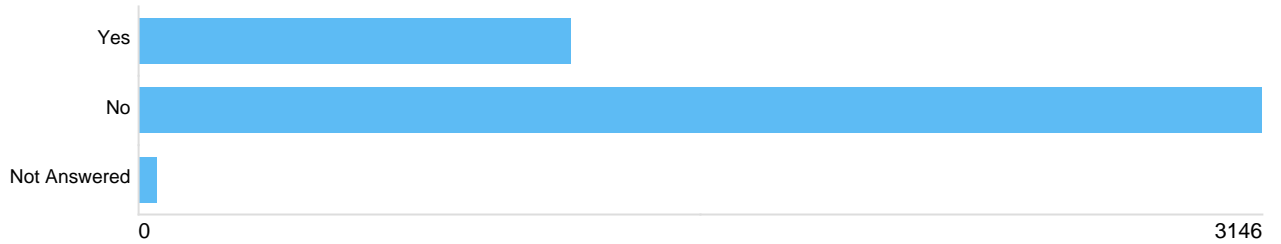
**Awareness - Edinburgh Leisure facilities**





Option	Total	Percent
Yes	871	19.80%
No	3492	79.38%
Not Answered	36	0.82%

**Awareness - Community Groups/Charities**



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	1208	27.46%
No	3146	71.52%
Not Answered	45	1.02%

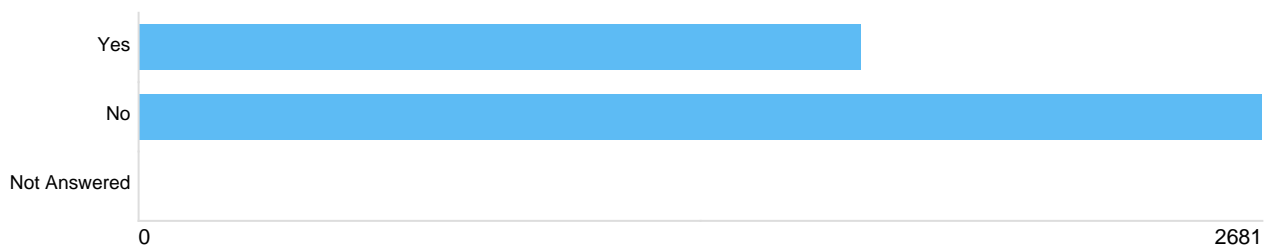
**Awareness - Online ordering and delivery service**



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	436	9.91%
No	3933	89.41%
Not Answered	30	0.68%

**Question 2: Have you ever accessed free period products?**

**Ever accessed products**



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	1718	39.05%
No	2681	60.95%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

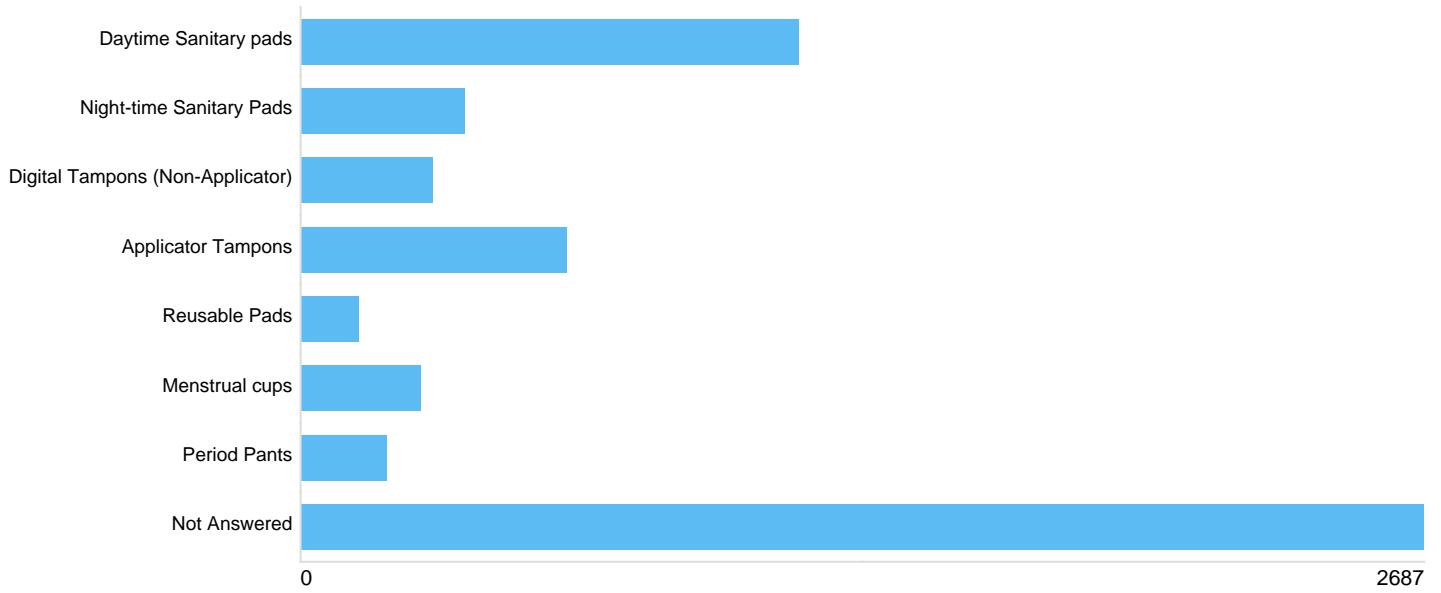
**Question 3: Where did you get the free products from?**

**Please enter location**

There were **1702** responses to this part of the question.

**Question 4: Which products did you take?**

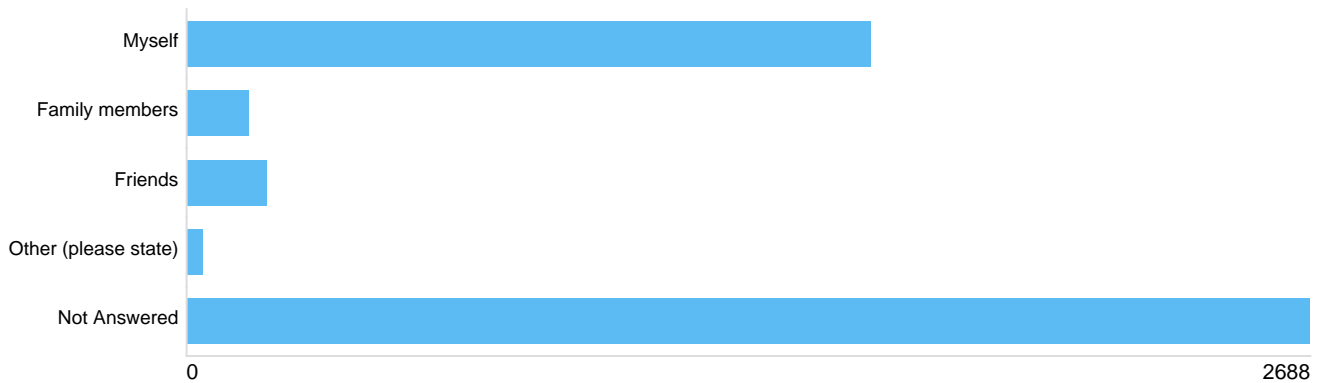
**Type of product accessed**



Option	Total	Percent
Daytime Sanitary pads	1187	26.98%
Night-time Sanitary Pads	389	8.84%
Digital Tampons (Non-Applicator)	315	7.16%
Applicator Tampons	633	14.39%
Reusable Pads	137	3.11%
Menstrual cups	285	6.48%
Period Pants	201	4.57%
Not Answered	2687	61.08%

**Question 5: Who did you take the products for?**

**Who are products for**



Option	Total	Percent
Myself	1633	37.12%
Family members	145	3.30%
Friends	188	4.27%
Other (please state)	35	0.80%
Not Answered	2688	61.10%

**Other (please state)**

There were **39** responses to this part of the question.

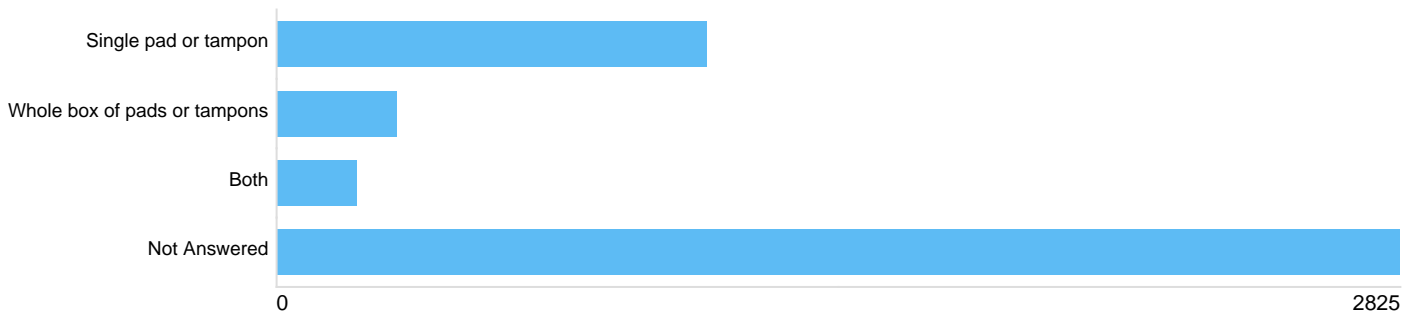
**Question 6: If you were accessing disposable products, was there the option to take single items and a box of products?**

**Option to take single / box of items**



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	766	17.41%
No	760	17.28%
Not applicable	181	4.11%
Not Answered	2692	61.20%

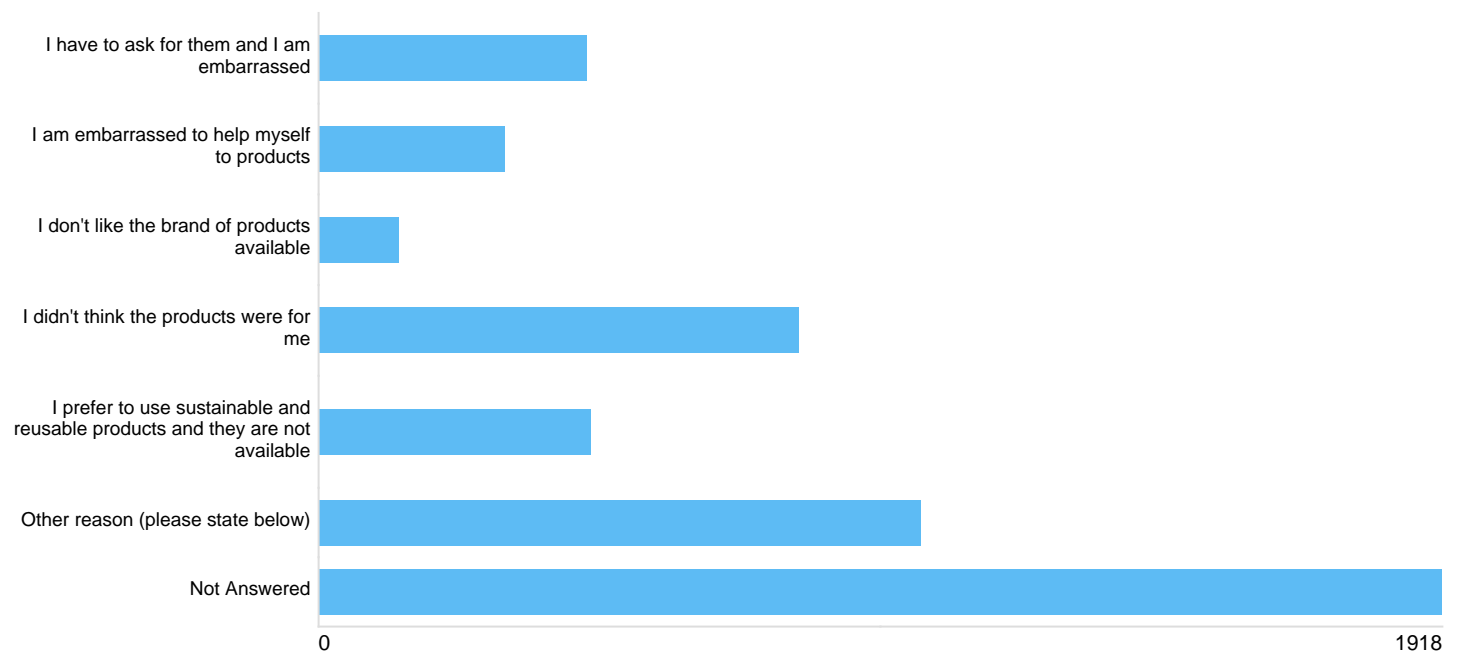
**What did you choose to take?**



Option	Total	Percent
Single pad or tampon	1076	24.46%
Whole box of pads or tampons	297	6.75%
Both	201	4.57%
Not Answered	2825	64.22%

**Question 7: If you don't use the period products available, why don't you?**

**Reasons for not accessing**



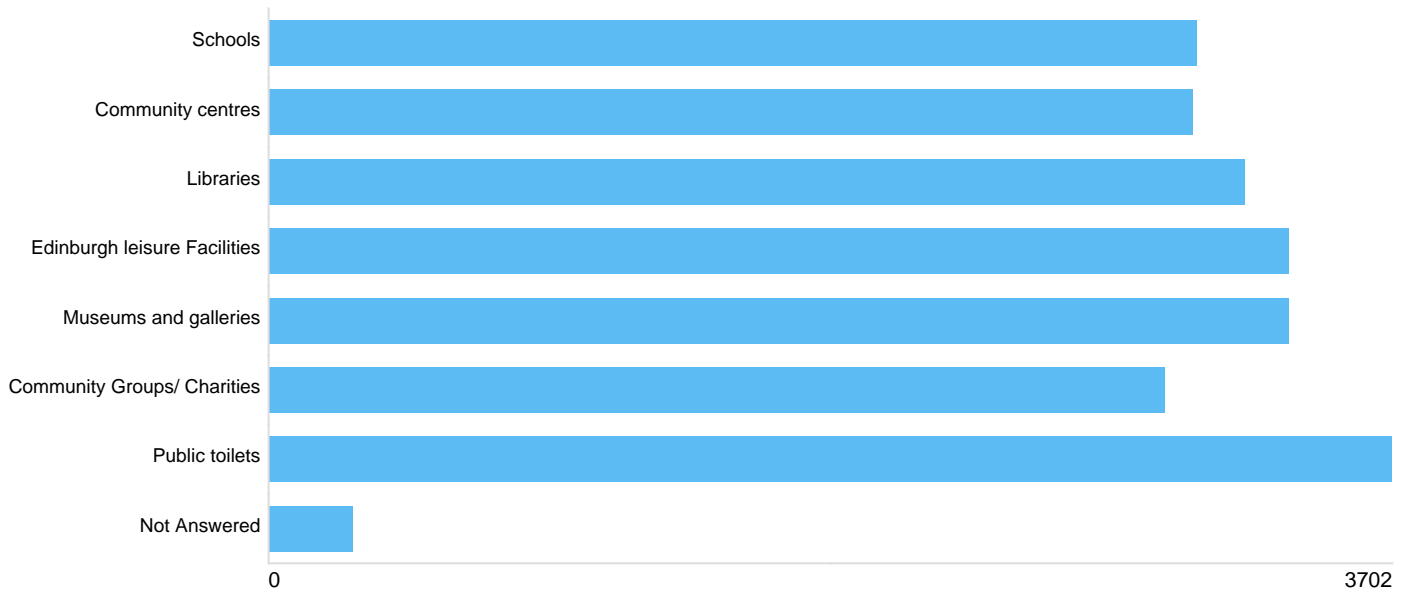
Option	Total	Percent
I have to ask for them and I am embarrassed	455	10.34%
I am embarrassed to help myself to products	314	7.14%
I don't like the brand of products available	136	3.09%
I didn't think the products were for me	816	18.55%
I prefer to use sustainable and reusable products and they are not available	464	10.55%
Other reason (please state below)	1026	23.32%
Not Answered	1918	43.60%

**Other reason (please state)**

There were **1183** responses to this part of the question.

**Question 8: In the future, where would you like to access these products?**

**Future access locations**



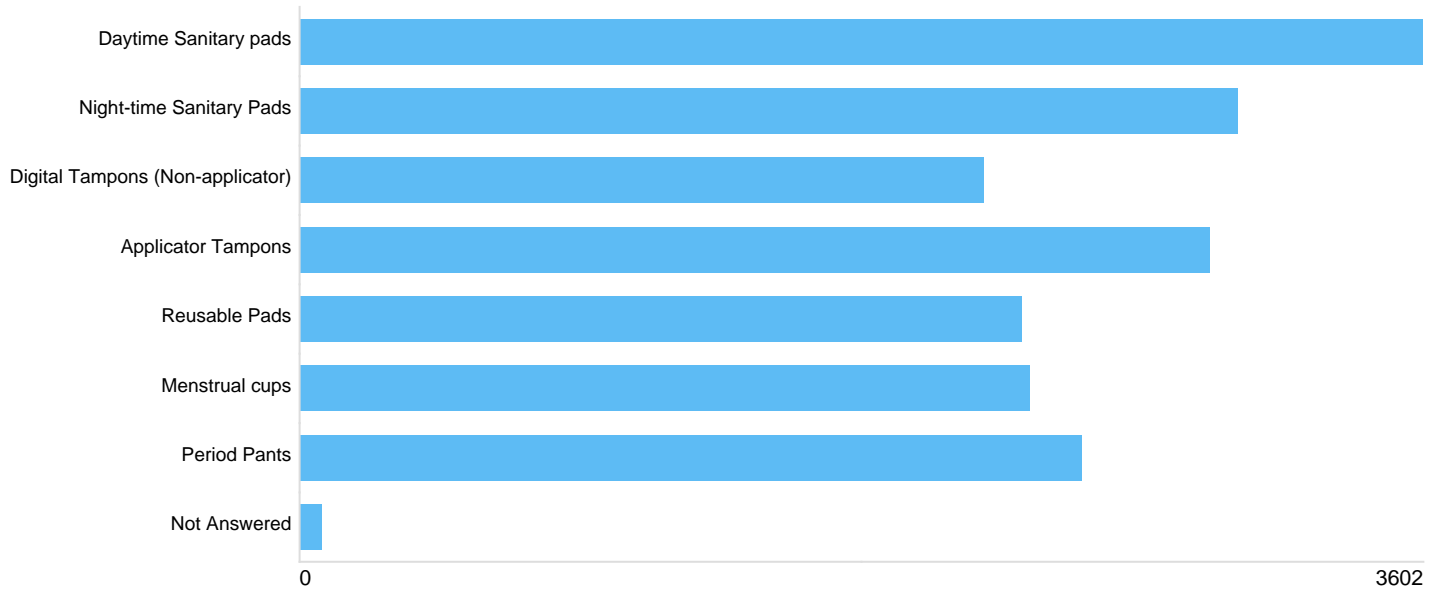
Option	Total	Percent
Schools	3051	69.36%
Community centres	3041	69.13%
Libraries	3213	73.04%
Edinburgh leisure Facilities	3356	76.29%
Museums and galleries	3357	76.31%
Community Groups/ Charities	2946	66.97%
Public toilets	3702	84.16%
Not Answered	273	6.21%

**Please tell us if there is anywhere else you would like free period products to be made available.**

There were **1531** responses to this part of the question.

**Question 9: Which products would you like to see available?**

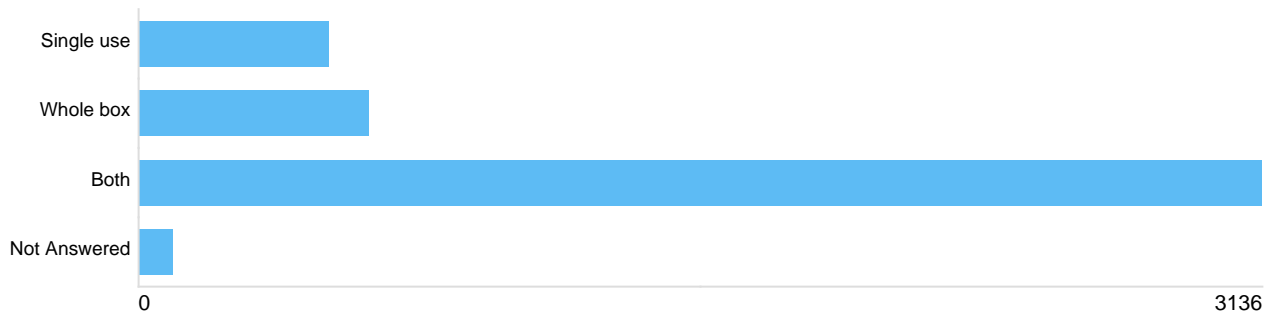
*type of product*



Option	Total	Percent
Daytime Sanitary pads	3602	81.88%
Night-time Sanitary Pads	3003	68.27%
Digital Tampons (Non-applicator)	2186	49.69%
Applicator Tampons	2911	66.17%
Reusable Pads	2313	52.58%
Menstrual cups	2333	53.03%
Period Pants	2505	56.94%
Not Answered	68	1.55%

**Question 10: Would you prefer to get single use, a whole box or both?**

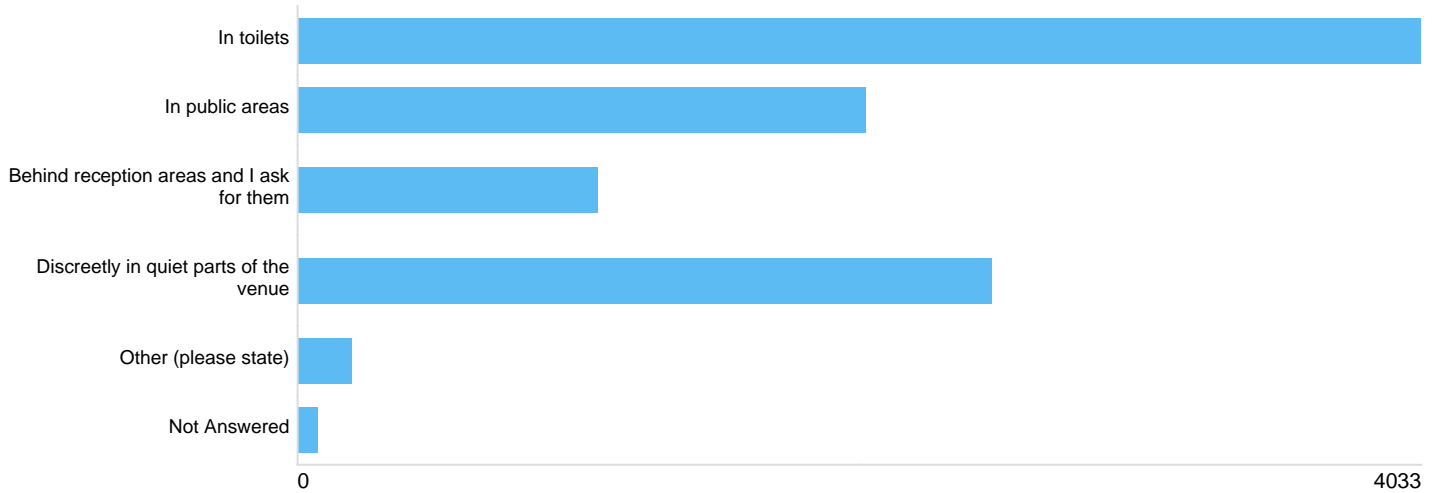
*Single use/ Whole Box/ Both*



Option	Total	Percent
Single use	529	12.03%
Whole box	641	14.57%
Both	3136	71.29%
Not Answered	93	2.11%

**Question 11: Where would you like products to be provided in locations?**

**Provision**



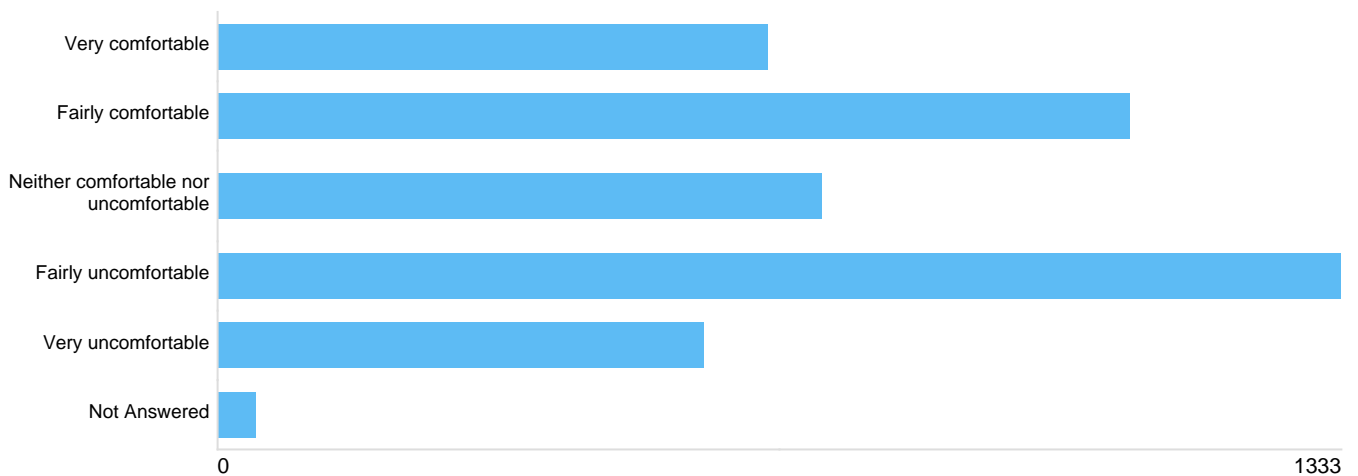
Option	Total	Percent
In toilets	4033	91.68%
In public areas	2033	46.22%
Behind reception areas and I ask for them	1073	24.39%
Discreetly in quiet parts of the venue	2484	56.47%
Other (please state)	190	4.32%
Not Answered	67	1.52%

**Other (please state)**

There were **245** responses to this part of the question.

**Question 12: How comfortable would you feel asking someone for products?**

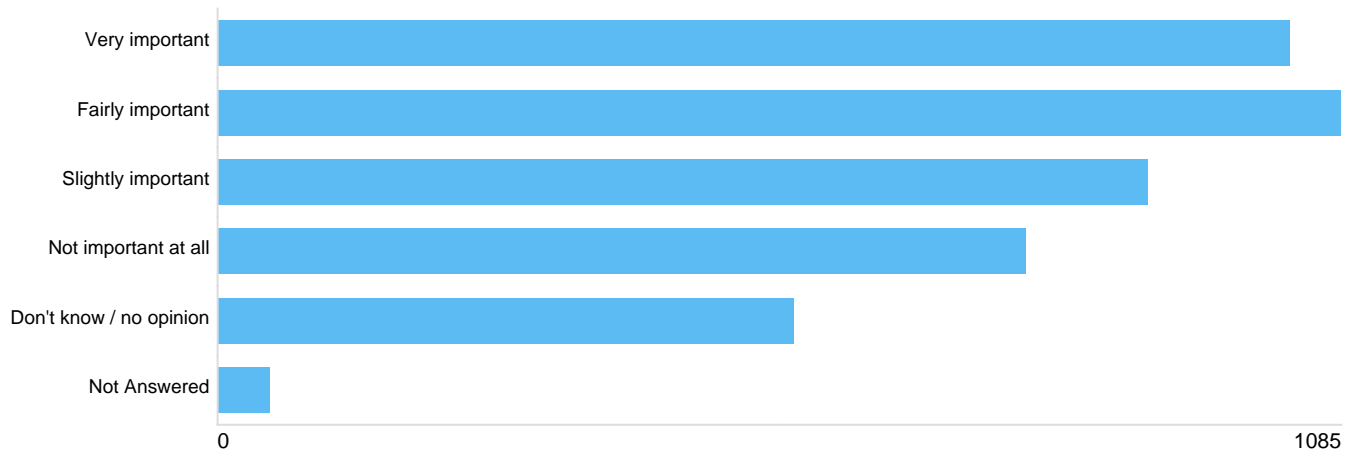
**How comfortable in asking**



Option	Total	Percent
Very comfortable	651	14.80%
Fairly comfortable	1081	24.57%
Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable	716	16.28%
Fairly uncomfortable	1333	30.30%
Very uncomfortable	574	13.05%
Not Answered	44	1.00%

**Question 13: How important is it for you to use reusable products?**

**Reusable products**



Option	Total	Percent
Very important	1034	23.51%
Fairly important	1085	24.66%
Slightly important	896	20.37%
Not important at all	779	17.71%
Don't know / no opinion	556	12.64%
Not Answered	49	1.11%

**Please tell us why.**

There were **1334** responses to this part of the question.

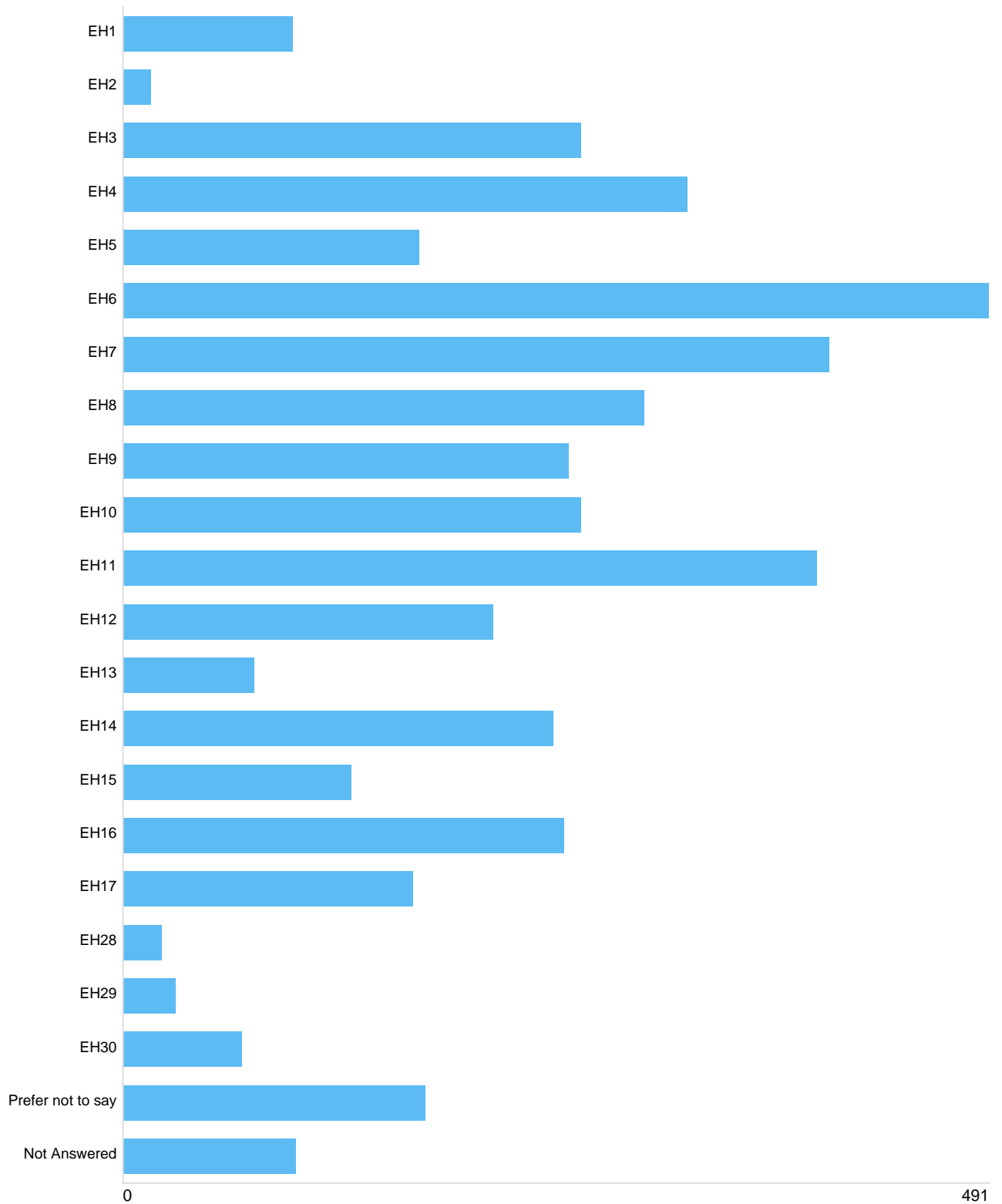
**Question 14: Do you have anything else you would like to add about the provision of free period products in your community?**

*For example any good ideas for displaying and distributing products or anything else we might have missed.*

There were **1493** responses to this part of the question.

**Question 15: Please select your postcode area from the dropdown list below.**

*Postcode area*

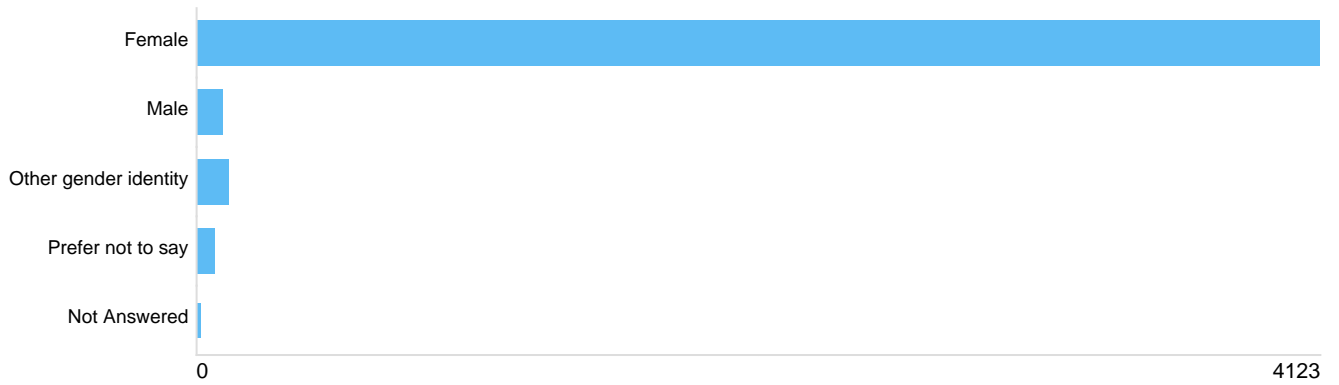




Option	Total	Percent
EH1	96	2.18%
EH2	15	0.34%
EH3	259	5.89%
EH4	319	7.25%
EH5	167	3.80%
EH6	491	11.16%
EH7	400	9.09%
EH8	295	6.71%
EH9	252	5.73%
EH10	259	5.89%
EH11	393	8.93%
EH12	209	4.75%
EH13	74	1.68%
EH14	243	5.52%
EH15	129	2.93%
EH16	249	5.66%
EH17	164	3.73%
EH28	21	0.48%
EH29	29	0.66%
EH30	67	1.52%
Prefer not to say	171	3.89%
Not Answered	97	2.21%

**Question 16: What is your gender?**

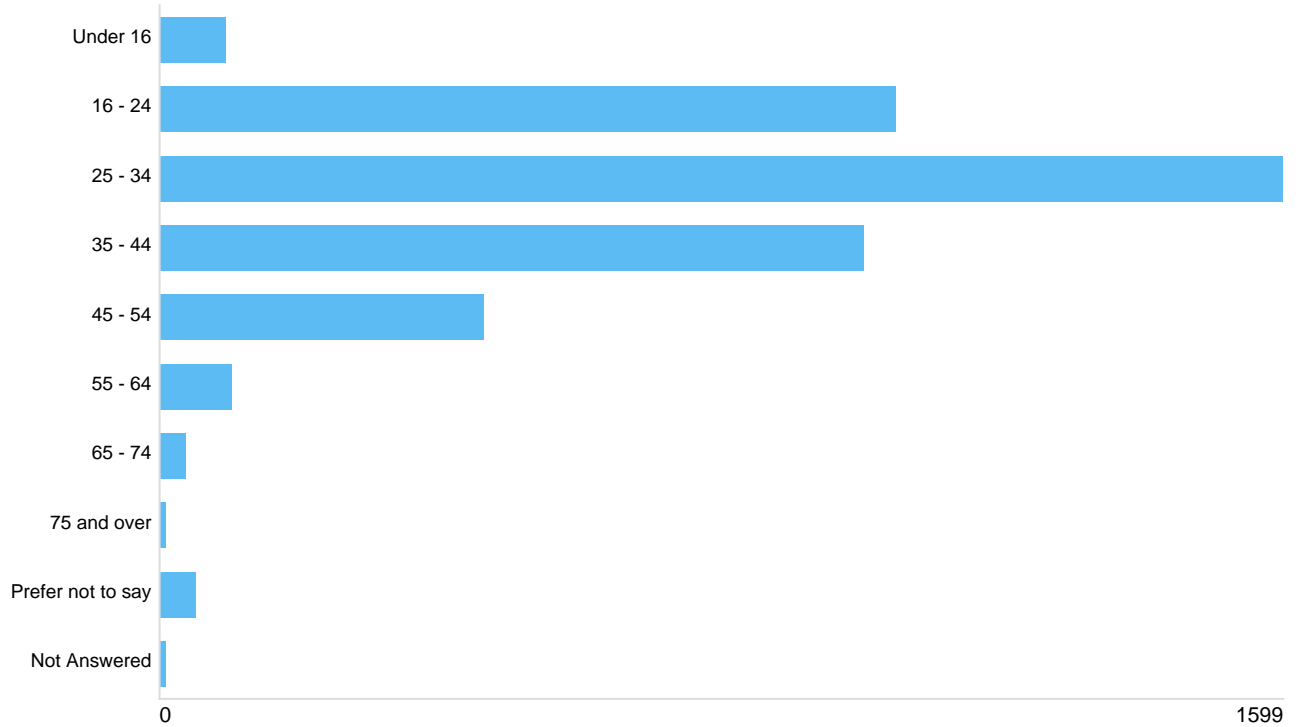
**Gender identity**



Option	Total	Percent
Female	4123	93.73%
Male	91	2.07%
Other gender identity	111	2.52%
Prefer not to say	63	1.43%
Not Answered	11	0.25%

**Question 17: Which age group do you fall into?**

**Age bracket**



Option	Total	Percent
Under 16	93	2.11%
16 - 24	1046	23.78%
25 - 34	1599	36.35%
35 - 44	999	22.71%
45 - 54	459	10.43%
55 - 64	102	2.32%
65 - 74	36	0.82%
75 and over	8	0.18%
Prefer not to say	51	1.16%
Not Answered	6	0.14%