



Period Products - Statement on Exercise of Functions

In line with the requirements of [The Period Products \(Free Provision\) \(Scotland\) Act 2021](#) and the associated [guidance published by the Scottish Government](#) in September 2021, this is the Statement on Exercise of Functions for Abertay University.

Current provision

Since 2018 the University has been providing free period products as part of the Scottish Government's highly successful initiative. The University works closely with the Abertay University Students' Association to ensure that provision meets students' needs. This also means that the University receives feedback on the service directly from the student body. It also allows the Students' Association and the University to make products available at relevant on-campus events, including Fresher's week and open days, further increasing uptake and awareness of the initiative.

We make sure products are available in every female washroom, every gender-neutral washroom, and selected male washrooms across campus, as well as through facilities run in conjunction with the Students' Association. We also run a stall promoting the service and all available products at university events.

Our current range includes products from well established brands such as Always and Lilets as well as more charitable brands like Hey Girls, and includes both disposable products, i.e. tampons, pads, and liners, and reusable products such as washable pads, menstrual cups and period pants. This is managed flexibly, and provision of products changes in light of regular consultation with the student body either via direct communication or via surveys. Other products are available on request through the Students' Association either in person or via e-mail. We are currently working on ways to anonymise this process.

Consultation and Engagement

We consult with the Students' Association on a monthly basis to ensure we continue to provide the kind of products and the service people need. Through this relationship we have established a flexible supply of disposable, reusable, and environmental products that meet the needs of our students.

We are included as a site in Hey Girls pick up my period App developed on behalf of the Scottish Government, which lists sites across Scotland where free period products are available. This is promoted to students so they know where they can access products when studying remotely.

Any student can access products from campus washrooms and anyone requiring a larger supply can get it through facilities run in conjunction with the Students Association at any time.

Next steps

We are continuing to look at ways to raise awareness of this provision, and to increase the availability of the re-useable and environmentally friendly products across campus. We are always open to new ideas and regularly survey and consult with students to ensure our provision is dynamic and meets the needs of students.

Abertay University
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