

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/385**  
**Single-Use Medical Items**

- 1. Does University Hospital of Wales use single-use medical equipment/devices?**
  - a. Yes
  - b. No

Yes.

- 2. If yes to question 1, does University Hospital of Wales use single-use medical equipment/devices where there are reusable alternatives available?**

Yes, and inevitably with new products coming onto the market, there will be instances where we use products where reasonable alternatives are available.

- 3. Does University Hospital of Wales plan to reduce its reliance on single-use medical equipment/devices?**
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know

Yes.

- 4. Has University Hospital of Wales introduced any new solutions or put in place any targets for reducing the use of single-use medical equipment/devices?**

The use of single-use devices has been the subject of quality improvement initiatives (please see the following as an example: [Sustainable practice: Switching to reusable vaginal speculums, The BMJ](#)). We do not have specific targets to reduce single-use medical equipment and devices, but we do have a comprehensive decarbonisation action plan for 2024 [here](#).