

**FOI Request: Continence Products**  
**Our Reference Number: 1314263**

**1. How many free continence pads was/is each patient with continence problems in your area entitled to per day in each of the following financial years: 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14?**

The provision of continence products is based on a clinical need accounting for fluid intake and output and with a guide of 3 products per 24 hours, however, this may be adjusted according to the assessment and clinical needs of the patient.

As a new organisation, in place only from April 2013, we do not have access to the information for previous financial years. However, the CCG has not amended the policy that was adopted from South East Essex PCT; therefore the above would have also been applicable in 2012/13.

**2. How many continence pads (or other continence products such as absorbent pull up pants) in total have been prescribed in your area in each month since (and including) April 2013?**

We do not hold this information. The CCG commissions a specialist continence service from South Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT), and it is from them this information should be available. Information on how to submit a FOI request is available here:

<http://www.sept.nhs.uk/Corporate/FOI.aspx>