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Dear Ms Vanpeene

**RE: SCCL-FOI-2021-076**

Thank you for your FOI request, requesting information on the supplier/brand and model of vaginal speculums (disposable and non-disposable) used by the services we support. Clarifying which services, we arrange speculum supply for (GP surgeries, sexual health clinics, hospital trusts and who's responsibility it is to choose the suppliers, models and size to be ordered?

Could you please provide the supplier/brand and model of vaginal speculums (disposable and non disposable) used by the services you support?

Your request has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and we are able to provide a reply to your request. Supply Chain Coordination Limited (SCCL) confirms it does hold information for NHS Supply Chain and the response is as follows:

**Response to part 1:** Midwifery Led Units, Acute Trusts, Community Trusts, GP Surgeries, HMP, Sexual Health/GUM Clinics, Young Persons' Contraception & Sexual Health Clinics, Infertility Clinics/Fertility Services, Homeless Hostels, Hospices, Mental Health Trusts, Community Outpatient Services, Integrated Care, MOD, Women's Hospitals, CICs, Treatment Centres, Social Care, Ambulance Trusts and Private Providers.

**Response to part 2:** Suppliers tender their products which are then assessed to ensure they meet the specification relevant quality standards outlined in NHS Supply Chain tender specifications. The specification includes the supplier being able to offer a wide range of sizes in order to meet the needs of individual users

NHS Supply Chain customers (clinicians and buyers) choose the model and size they wish to order for their respective organisation.

**Response to part 3:** See attached list

If you are dissatisfied with this response you may request an independent internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint within two months to the postal or e-mail addresses above, quoting the reference number above. If you ask for an internal review, it would be helpful if you could say why you are dissatisfied with the response.

As part of any internal review the handling of your information request will be reassessed by a member of SCCL staff who was not involved in providing you with this response. If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you will have a right of complaint to the Information Commissioner as established by section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act.

If you require any further information do not hesitate to contact the FOI team

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

**Supply Chain Coordination Limited**  
**Management Function of NHS Supply Chain**