



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

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## 1. Introduction

The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and gained royal assent on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and is the world's first legislation to support the provision of free products for people who menstruate. The Act requires the College to provide period products free of charge to anyone who needs them. A range of products should be available to provide choice and should be easy to access to maintain a person's dignity.

The College is required to produce and communicate a Statement on Exercise of Functions to outline how we intend to meet the requirements of the Act to meet our legal duties, including carrying out one or more consultations. This statement sets out City of Glasgow College's commitment to free period product provision and details how we intend to do this.

Section 1 of the Act places a duty on Colleges to make period products obtainable free of charge for anyone who needs to use them. Section 2 of the Act places a duty on education providers to make period products obtainable free of charge on their premises for students during term time.

## 2. Our commitment

On the basis of funding provided by Scottish Government, City of Glasgow College is committed to providing period products free of charge for those who may need them. The college has provided free access to products since 2018 and has partnered with social enterprise [Hey Girls](#) to offer a wide range of sustainable products to students.

We will:

- Ensure products are easy to access and free of charge.
- Consult with our student body.
- Offer a choice of both reusable and single-use products.
- Take due consideration to those who may face additional barriers including those who are BME, LGBTQ+, disabled, homeless, victims of domestic abuse, etc.

- Provide effective communication about the products available and [where they can be accessed](#); and
- Ensure that we monitor and review provision.

### **3. Consultation**

We will consult with our students on an annual basis. Since launching the 'Free Periods' campaign in 2018, gaining student feedback has enabled positive changes to be made including providing more reusable products such as pants and cups and increasing the variety of options for single-use products.

At the end of academic year 2022/23, we will survey our students to gain their views on:

- Awareness on the availability of products.
- Appropriateness of products available.
- Locations of products.
- Barriers to accessing products.
- Where positive changes can be made.

### **4. Current Provision/Availability**

Dispensers were fitted in toilets across the College in August 2018 and have both sanitary pads and tampons. Menstrual cups and reusable pants are also available in specific toilets at City Campus and to pick up from the Students' Association at Riverside Campus. There is no restriction on how many products someone can take. Products are available throughout the year when the college buildings are open. Students can also order products direct to their home address if they are not on campus.

## Locations

Products are available in a way which respects the dignity of the individual and can be accessed freely at:

- City Campus - products are available in female, gender neutral and accessible toilets across the campus. Toilets can be identified by a pink teardrop sticker at the doors.
- Riverside Campus - products are available in the accessible toilets at Riverside. Toilets can be identified by a pink teardrop sticker at the doors.
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## 5. Communication

Information about free products is available on the [College Website](#), [Student Induction](#) site and student intranet, CityLife. We also use social media, College plasma screens and leaflets to promote availability.

The [PickUpMyPeriod](#) App is promoted to ensure those who require products can easily access information about their nearest collection point.

## 6. Further information

City of Glasgow College is committed to providing appropriate products and will continue to work with our students to provide for their needs. We will continue to monitor, evaluate and build on service provision to ensure we meet the needs of our student body.

For further information or if you have any questions related to free period products provision at City of Glasgow College, please contact [studentadvisors@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk](mailto:studentadvisors@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk).