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**Requested**

How many single-use plastic cups have been bought by the organisation in the last financial year – 2018/19?

Also, how much has been spent on them in the same financial year.

What measures is your organisation taking to reduce the number of single use cups?

**Response:**

During the 2018/19 financial year Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) purchased 957,250 single use plastic cups, totalling £14,573.51 including VAT.

The UHB's catering services are taking steps to reduce plastic use by utilising both reusable and paper cups instead of plastic cups. All staff dining areas and wards in the acute hospital settings use reusable plastic cups, with single use plastic cups and crockery being limited to occasions such as when there are reusable item shortages or unavailability due to dishwasher breakdown. The UHB is committed to reducing its use of single use plastic however it is unable to completely stop using single use crockery and cutlery as there are occasions when infection prevention and control advice and guidance requires their use in order to reduce the risk of infection spread.