

<b>Title</b>	Accessible Periods
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<b>1. Background Information:</b>	
<p>1.1. More than a quarter of women have been forced to miss work or school because they cannot afford menstrual products</p> <p>1.2. It is estimated that the average spend for people who menstruate is £4,800</p> <p>1.3. In March 2019, the governments announced free sanitary product to be provided to secondary schools and colleges. This does not apply to students studying at University</p> <p>1.4. 1 in 10 women aged between 14 and 21 are unable to afford menstrual products</p> <p>1.5. Periods continue to be stigmatised</p>	
<b>2. Current Position:</b>	
<p>2.1. Period products are essential items and where people are unable to access them their lives are severely impacted.</p> <p>2.2. The Union, from time to time, does provide free menstrual products to those in need, but they are not mandated to do so.</p> <p>2.3. Menstrual products are available at the Union shop, although sustainable products are not</p>	
<b>4. Actions:</b>	
<p>4.1. The Union to have free supplies of sanitary products for those in need where they have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Forgotten products</li> <li>(b) Cannot afford product</li> <li>(c) Come on their period unexpectedly</li> </ul> <p>4.2. The Union to campaign for period to be free from stigma</p> <p>4.3. The Union to stock sustainable menstrual products in the shop</p>	

4.4. The Union to sell menstrual products at the cost of purchase within their outlets

References:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/period-poverty-women-miss-school-work-office-money-sexism-a8786146.html>