

In Trafford, approximately 950 girls and young women aged 14 to 21 are affected by period poverty. This can have a negative impact on mental wellbeing, and educational outcomes, and increase social isolation. Young women who experience period poverty are less likely to complete their GCSEs or go on to further education.

Period poverty is defined as '*young women not being able to afford sanitary products*'. Although Trafford is generally affluent, there are significant inequalities within the borough, and areas affected by deprivation.

Trafford Council would like to understand how period poverty impacts on education, and to work with schools and colleges to improve this. This project aims to allow young women to continue their education without having to worry about their periods. We would expect this to improve attendance, among other outcomes.

Please complete this by Friday 14th December.

If you have any questions about the survey please contact Megan Skelhorn, tel: 0161 912 1936 or email Megan.Skelhorn@trafford.gov.uk

Thank you for your time.

* **1a.** Are you aware of any students whose attendance is affected by period poverty?

Yes

No

* **1b.** Can you estimate how many students this affected in your school/college in the last academic year?

* **2a.** Are sanitary items available to young women during the school/college day?

Yes

No

* **2b.** How do students access these products?

* **2c.** Is there a charge?

Yes

No

* **2d.** How much do they cost per item?

* **3.** How does your school or college support young people to understand periods and associated issues including period poverty?

Covered in PSHE/RSE curriculum

School nurse availability

Trained office staff

Trained teaching staff

Other (please specify)

* **4.** What additional support about period poverty would you like to receive?

5. Any further comments

Trafford Young Women and Period Poverty

Contact Details

Name of school/college

What type of educational establishment is it?

Primary

Secondary

College

Other (please specify)

Contact Details

Name

Job role

Email Address

Telephone Number

Thank you for completing the survey, and helping to enhance the picture of period poverty in Trafford's schools.