

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-143

Date 11 April 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

Please could you provide the following information relating to the amount, cost, methods and reporting of the disposal and treatment of municipal, healthcare and clinical waste.

The questions below relate to bagged waste only, including the following:

- **Municipal waste, residual (not segregated for recycling);**
- **Municipal waste, recyclable (segregated by single type or as a comingled recyclable stream);**
- **Offensive waste;**
- **Infectious waste streams, orange and yellow categories (not sharps).**

1. **Please indicate the total amount of waste (in weight) produced by your organisation:**

	Tonnes 2014/15	Tonnes 2015/16
Municipal, residual (black bags)	956	947
Municipal, recycling	238	254
Offensive (tiger stripes)	424,946	491,467
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	216,067	201,189
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	2,622	2,448

2. **The associated costs for collection and treatment/disposal of these wastes:**

	(£) 2014/15	(£) 2015/16
Municipal, residual (black bags)	168,919.49	161,799.45
Municipal, recycling	15,381.58	17,465.70
Offensive (tiger stripes)	95,749.87	111,172.07
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	72,405.68	67,813.45
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	1,363.80	1,124.87

3. Do you currently compact offensive waste?

No

If No – do you have plans to implement compaction in the next financial year?

We are considering integrating a compactor dedicated to compacting offensive waste. However the timescale in which this may be taken forward is not currently known.

4. How often does your organisation report on the management of waste (including cost) at Board level?

Annually

5. Do you currently employ any nurses specifically to support the procurement of consumables/supplies/equipment in your organisation (for example a specialist procurement nurse)?

No

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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