

EIR REF: 24/004

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## ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

**Please can you provide the information for the queries below for your trust. If your trust has split or amalgamated in the last 3 years, please could you break the information down into historic trusts as relevant.**

- 1) **Who is your current contractor for clinical waste collections? This will usually be one contractor for offensive/hazardous waste (tiger and orange bags) as well as sharps. However, if you have more than one contractor, please could you name them all.**
- 2) **Please could you confirm if you are in a specific contract for clinical waste management or if clinical waste is collected as part of a wider total waste management solution. If a part of a total waste management solution, the TWM provider should be named in question 1.**
- 3) **If in contract for clinical waste management, please could you confirm the start date and the term of the contract? Could you please state if you contractually have the option to extend past the standard duration and if so by how long? An example answer would be as follows:**

**'Aug 2022 start date for 3 years with the option of +1 extension wrote into the contract'.**

I can confirm that we hold the information requested above. However, the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the information is accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain and can be accessed by searching 'waste management' via the following link:

<https://www.esht.nhs.uk/about-us/contact-us/freedom-of-information/foi-disclosure-log/>

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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**4) If known, please could you confirm how many separate sites clinical waste is collected from across your estate?**

There are 10 sites in total across the Trust for collection of Clinical Waste.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your EIR request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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Yours sincerely

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