

Treatment of offensive healthcare waste produced by NHS Trusts in the 'Midlands and East' region of England.

Please accept this questionnaire under Freedom of Information Act (FOI) (2000) and Environmental Information Regulations (2004).

An increase in the amount of offensive waste deposited in landfill has been observed since the introduction of the Hazardous Waste Regulations (2005) which obligates healthcare organisations in England to separate offensive waste from other streams. Landfill of offensive waste has implications for England, due to restricted landfill capacity and the requirement to divert waste from landfill. This questionnaire forms part of an MSc research project at the University of Northampton, to evaluate the financial costs and environmental benefits of diverting offensive waste, produced by NHS Trusts in the 'Midlands and East' of England, from landfill. In addition this research seeks to identify any barriers which prevent the diversion of offensive waste from landfill.

All answers are confidential and personal / organisational identifiable data will not be disclosed within the results of the study. To maintain integrity and security of information, all data will be handled in line with the Data Protection Act.

Return of the completed questionnaire indicates consent for the data to be used, under the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations (2015), for the research stated above. However, you are free to skip any question, or end the survey at any point. **Please return completed questionnaires to [REDACTED] by Friday 6 July 2018.** The data will be used only for the purposes of the MSc research project, which will be written up as a thesis. Key anonymised findings maybe submitted for publication in an academic journal. No confidential information is being sought. Data will be anonymised through the use of codes and amalgamation of the data. No names will be disclosed or published.

If you have any questions please contact me on the email address detailed above or my supervisor Dr [REDACTED]

Offensive waste:

Offensive waste, defined under code 18-01-04 of the List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005, is not subject to special collection and disposal requirements to prevent infection; but may be unpleasant to those coming into contact with it due to smell, appearance or odour.

1. The total weight of offensive waste produced by the organisation between April 2017 and March 2018:

473 tonnes

2. The total weight of offensive waste disposed of at landfill between April 2017 and March 2018:

0

3. Were disposal / treatment methods other than landfill utilised for the treatment of your offensive waste between April 2017 and March 2018?

Yes *please proceed to question 3a*
No *please proceed to question 4*

- 3a. Please specify the total weight of offensive waste treated by other means between April 2017 and March 2018:

Treatment / Disposal Method	Weight (tonnes)
Incineration – municipal waste-to-energy	473
Incineration – clinical waste-to-energy	
Incineration – without waste-to-energy	
Composting	
Alternative Treatment	
Other (please specify) Click here to enter text.	

4. What was the cost (£ per unit) for disposal of offensive waste produced between April 2017 and March 2018

Circa £300

5. Does your organisation have targets to divert offensive waste from landfill?

Yes *please specify:* [Click here to enter text.](#)
No

6. What barriers does your organisation face when seeking to divert offensive waste from landfill? Please select all that apply.

Regulatory
Financial
Lack of available alternatives
Only option offered by contractor
None
Other (please specify) [Click here to enter text.](#)

7. Please feel free to add any additional comments:
Total tonnage figures include offensive waste stream for both our sites

Many thanks for your participation in the study, all contributions are valued. For further information please do not hesitate to contact