



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-404

Date: 30th October 2018

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 9th October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding waste.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ascertain information regarding financial efficiencies relating to healthcare waste management and procurement.

Please could you provide the following information relating to the amount, cost, and 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).**

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

	Tonnes 2016/2017	Tonnes 2017/2018
Municipal, residual (black bags)		
Municipal, recycling		
Offensive (tiger strips)		
Infectious (orange), suitable for		

alternative treatment		
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration		

A1 Please see below:

Royal Stoke	Tonnes 2016/2017	Tonnes 2017/2018
Municipal, residual (black bags)	1507 tonnes	1387 tonnes
Municipal, recycling	8.5 tonnes	23.3 tonnes
Offensive (tiger strips)	435 tonnes	613 tonnes
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	651 tonnes	450 tonnes
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	74 tonnes	73 tonnes

County	Tonnes 2016/2017	Tonnes 2017/2018
Municipal, residual (black bags)	150	218
Municipal, recycling	N/A	N/A
Offensive (tiger strips)	9	68 tonnes
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	193	115 tonnes
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	n/a	n/a

Q2 The associated costs for collection and treatment/disposal of these wastes

	£ 2016/2017	£ 2017/2018
Municipal, residual (black bags)		
Municipal, recycling		
Offensive (tiger strips)		
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment		
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration		

A2 Please see below:

	£ 2016/2017	£ 2017/2018
Municipal, residual (black bags)	£229,752.00	£199,170.00

Municipal, recycling	£945	£2,225
Offensive (tiger strips)	£99,155.00	£125,460
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	£222,746.00	£149,444.00
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	£28,372.00	£28,157.00

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.



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