



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

**Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 634**

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 08 March 2017 and I am pleased to be able to provide you with a response.

*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:*

	<i>Tonnes 2014/15</i>	<i>Tonnes 2015/16</i>
<i>Municipal, residual (black bags)</i>	528**	557
<i>Municipal, recycling</i>	46**	56
<i>Offensive (tiger stripes)</i>	173	270
<i>Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment</i>	202	265
<i>Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration</i>	214	39

\*\* Please note that these are approximate as we are missing 6 months data from a supplier

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

	<i>£ 2014/15</i>	<i>£ 2015/16</i>
<i>Municipal, residual (black bags)</i>		
<i>Municipal, recycling</i>		
<i>Offensive (tiger stripes)</i>		
<i>Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment</i>		
<i>Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration</i>		

This information is withheld under section 43(2) Commercial Interests Reason / Explanation

To provide the information as requested, would be disclosing information which is commercially sensitive and could prejudice the commercial interests of our suppliers. This information is therefore held exempt under section 43 of the FOI Act.

In relation to this exemption (known as a 'Prejudice' based exemption), as required, we have applied the Public Interest Test and have found that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

3. *Do you currently compact offensive waste? Yes/No*

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

No – no plans to compact offensive waste

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

*Annually/quarterly/monthly/never*

Annually and also quarterly via the Sustainable Development Committee which includes a representative from the Board.

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)?*

Yes/No *(if yes how many full time equivalents do you employ?)*

No