

Freedom of Information Response

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Please note that the information provided relates only to parts of our estate that are managed by Serco. We are unable to provide the requested information for estates which fall outside of Serco's management as these form part of a bulk service charge, and the information can not be separated.

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)	146.5	62.8
Municipal, recycling	145.7	61.8
Offensive (tiger stripes)	22.6	20.1
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	20.1	14.9
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	21.8	28.0

Please note that the decrease in recorded tonnage for general municipal and recycling wastes between 2014/15 and 2015/16 are likely due to two reasons:

- (a) Changes in Trust estate and operational services;
- (b) Changes in the way that data is recorded and reported. Due to many of the facilities being shared by different Trusts, the weights/costs are apportioned to each Trust at the site according to the size of their personnel footprint per location. This is intended to more accurately reflect the contribution to total tonnages from each Trust.

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

	£ 2014/15	£ 2015/16
Municipal, residual (black bags)	£19,553	£8,065
Municipal, recycling	£15,391	£5,939
Offensive (tiger stripes)		
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment		
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	£34,483	£64,527

Please see notes on questions one to explain difference in figures from 2014/2015 to 2015/2016.

Despite segregation of the clinical/healthcare wastes, the contract at the time was held on a fixed price basis which did not provide different disposal rates for different waste streams. Additionally, the contractor incinerated all healthcare wastes. The new contract (2016/17) provides different rates for different waste streams and also utilises different disposal routes for different streams.

3. Do you currently compact offensive waste?
No, the Trust does not compact offensive waste.

If No – do you have plans to implement compaction in the next financial year?
No, the Trust does not have plans to implement compaction in the next financial year.

4. How often does your organisation report on the management of waste (including cost) at Board level?
Serco provides a report to the Trust on a monthly basis as part of the Estates report. These figures are reported quarterly to the Estates Committee, which is a sub-board committee.
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.