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## REQUEST

- I would like to know what the trust currently uses to seal clinical waste bags and the annual quantity purchased (as well as the annual cost to the Trust if possible)?
- I would also like to know where the trust purchases these products from, i.e. is it direct from a supplier or from the NHS Supply Chain?
- Who is responsible for purchasing this product?
- How does the trust provide an audit trail for their clinical waste?
- Does the Trust use security seals for any other purpose, and if so what is used and how many are purchased a year? E.g. 10,000 p/a for sealing drugs pouches.

## RESPONSE

The Trust currently uses a numerical plastic tagging system to seal clinical waste bags, with an annual quantity purchase of 8,500 tags.

The plastic tags are purchased by Medirest, the Trusts facilities management provider.

The Trust has a robust audit process in place that monitors the clinical waste streams both internally within the hospitals and externally in its transportation to the clinical waste disposal facility. Each plastic tag has an eight digit identity number which indicates both Hospital and location from which the waste products have come. Monthly records are maintained which confirm compliance with the Trust's waste management policy

The Trust uses security seals for sealing drugs pouches within the pharmacy department, which is estimated to be around 37,000 per annum.