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 Subject: Disposal and treatment of municipal, healthcare and clinical waste.

## REQUEST

### FOI Request from the Royal College of Nursing

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, 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)	549.4	596.3
Municipal, recycling	321	386.5
Offensive (tiger stripes)	253.71	251.93
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	265.55	262.01

Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	330.70	320.91
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2. The associated costs for collection and treatment/disposal of these wastes:

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

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

If No – do you 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?

Annually/quarterly/monthly/never

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  
employ?)

(if yes how many full time equivalents do you

## RESPONSE

1. The total amount of waste (in weight) produced by our organisation is as follows;

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

	£ 2014/15	£ 2015/16
Municipal, residual (black bags)	89,291.39	73,702.40
Municipal, recycling	36,377.47	46,953.3
Offensive (tiger	46,935.06	46,607.05

stripes)		
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	71,433.49	70,480.69
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	148,816.94	144,409.50

3. The Trust does not compact offensive waste, in addition the Trust does not have any plans to implement compaction in the next financial year.
  
4. The Trust does report on the management of waste at Board level on an annual basis.
  
5. The Trust does currently have a role for a specific nurse to support the procurement of consumables/supplies and equipment.