



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-647

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Date: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd January 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and regarding waste.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 In an attempt to understand the landscape across the NHS I am requesting information about clinical waste contracts. Please can you provide the information for the queries below for your trust. If your Trust has split or amalgamated in the last 3 years, please could you break the information down into historic Trusts as relevant.**

**Who is your current contractor for clinical waste collections? This will usually be one contractor for offensive/hazardous waste (tiger and orange bags) as well as sharps however if you have more than one contractor, please could you name them all**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

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**Q2 Please could you confirm if you are in a specific contract for clinical waste management or if clinical waste is collected as part of a wider total waste management solution. If a part of a total waste management solution, the TWM provider should be named in question 1**

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**Q3 If in contract for clinical waste management, please could you confirm the start date and the term of the contract? Could you please state if you contractually have the option extend past the standard duration and if so by how long?**

**An example answer would be as follows.**

**'Aug 2022 start date for 3 years with the option of +1 extension wrote into the contract'**

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**Q4 If known, please could you confirm how many separate sites clinical waste is collected from across your estate?**

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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.

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Yours,



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