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Email only

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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for your request for information received on 11 October 2018 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding healthcare waste management and procurement. Specifically you asked:

***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).***

**Please indicate the total amount of waste (in weight) produced by your organisation:**

	<b>Tonnes 2016/2017</b>	<b>Tonnes 2017/2018</b>
<b>Municipal, residual (black bags)</b>	1005t in bagged waste only (1079t total municipal)	876t in bagged waste (927t in total municipal waste)
<b>Municipal, recycling</b>	30t in bagged recycling only (144t total recycling including cardboard)	27t in bagged recycling only (130t in total recycling including cardboard)
<b>Offensive (tiger strips)</b>	19t	15t
<b>Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment</b>	646t	694t
<b>Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration</b>	Zero ( we don't use yellow bags - we use bio-bins and containers)	Zero

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

	<b>2016/2017</b>	<b>2017/2018</b>
<b>Municipal, residual (black bags)</b>	£104,583 in bagged waste (£120,173 total municipal)	£ 91,309 for bagged waste (£100,922 total municipal)
<b>Municipal, recycling</b>	£4,716 in bagged (£1293 total recycling cost including cardboard rebate)	£4,588 in bagged waste (£1326 recycling cost including cardboard rebate)
<b>Offensive (tiger strips)</b>	£3,478	£2,892
<b>Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment</b>	£169,586	£189,605
<b>Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration</b>	Zero	Zero

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our

disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive  
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust  
Darlington Memorial Hospital  
Hollyhurst Road  
Darlington  
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

**Joanna Tyrrell**  
**Freedom of Information Officer**