

Request for Information Reference: 03.19.42

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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 28 March 2019 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 waste management. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I would like to know what waste management company you use to collect your clinical waste within the dental sector? The clinical waste I am referring to is the contaminated sharps and the consumables?

County Durham and Darlington Services (CDD services) is a wholly owned subsidiary of County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, they provide Estates, Facilities and Procurement services and reply as follows:

Sharps boxes and orange clinical waste bags are collected as part of the overall clinical waste contract, which is currently held by Mitie. Within the community clinics, clinical waste collection is arranged by NHS Property services through Stericycle. For specialist dental waste such as amalgam, photo chemicals and lead foil, the Trust currently uses Cannon Hygiene across all sites.

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.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

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