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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 2nd June 2020 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to the disposal of sharps containers and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. How many sharps containers were disposed of annually for your NHS Hospital Trust within the last 10 years?**
- 2. What is the annual recorded cost for sharps container disposal for your NHS Hospital Trust within the last 10 years?**

The table below displays the annual disposal cost and weight of sharps box disposal across County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust for the ten year period ending 31st March 2020. Please note that it is not possible to give a number of individual boxes as disposal is measured by weight only. The weight includes the container and its contents.

Year	Disposal Cost	Weight (tonnes)
2010/11	£63,981.92	114.62
2011/12	£59,715.95	117.18
2012/13	£41,554.16	120.83
2013/14	£44,603.32	125.09
2014/15	£48,825.12	134.23
2015/16	£53,381.04	135.03
2016/17	£50,492.54	122.90
2017/18	£46,507.33	110.64
2018/19	£52,968.41	97.75

2019/20	£101,716.26	108.79
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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 on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. I am sorry that I have not been able to provide all of the information you requested, however I hope that my explanation as to why this is not possible has been satisfactory. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs.

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; www.ico.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer