

**FOI036 Response
Request**

Good morning

I have been doing some research and require more information and I was wondering if you could provide further information under the Freedom of Information Act:

Please could you provide all recorded figures for the following 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?

1)How many sharps containers were disposed of annually for your NHS Hospital Trust within the last 10 years?

The Trusts is unable to provide a figure for the number of sharps boxes disposed of annually as this is not captured.

Please note that the Trust does hold the figures for the number of sharp boxes purchased, however this cannot be correlated to how many sharp containers were disposed of.

2)What is the annual recorded cost for sharps container disposal for your NHS Hospital Trust within the last 10 years?

Please note that the Trust can only provide the cost for the disposal of sharp containers from 2018-2020. This is because previous to 2018, the costing of sharps disposal included clinical and non-clinical sharps and as you have clarified in earlier correspondences that the information you are requesting is for sharp containers within a clinical environment, the Trust is therefore unable to accurately verify and filter our system to obtain the costs explicitly to clinical sharps disposal within the last 10 years.

With the above in mind please see the annual costs for sharps disposal from 2018-2020 below.

Year	Total costs of disposal of clinical sharps when contained within sharps bins per annum
2019/20	£4,335
2018/19	£6,500