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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004

We are now pleased to respond to your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 regarding the following questions.

You asked:

Please may I have the following data for my research related to clinical waste in your organisation:

- 1. The amount of clinical waste generated from your hospital; classified by every type of clinical waste in relevant time periods e.g. every day, week or month. Data please for as long a period as possible – hopefully at least for one full year.**

Waste Streams	2018												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
HT-infectious healthcare for alternative treatment	41.09	34.44	37.75	36.77	35.92	33.43	36.30	35.23	34.20	37.21	36.46	36.66	435.45
HS-infectious healthcare sharps for incineration	5.72	5.80	5.79	6.04	5.26	4.78	5.28	4.98	5.26	5.25	5.14	5.59	64.89

HI-infectious healthcare waste for incineration	1.20	0.93	0.93	0.98	0.58	0.95	0.96	0.89	0.82	0.93	0.92	0.85	10.93
HP-non-hazardous healthcare medicines for incineration	0.78	0.59	0.84	0.68	0.65	0.64	0.65	0.78	0.88	0.69	1.13	0.99	9.30
HA-infectious healthcare anatomical for incineration	0.28	0.38	0.28	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.33	0.39	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	3.61
HY-hazardous healthcare medicines for incineration	0.29	0.19	0.26	0.20	0.23	0.19	0.21	0.32	0.37	0.24	0.31	0.25	3.07
HL-non-hazardous healthcare waste	0.08	0.15	0.07	0.05	0.11	0.13	0.14	0.06	0.10	0.15	0.15	0.11	1.30
HG-non-infectious healthcare gypsum waste for recovery / incineration	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04

2. The type of treatment used for every kind of clinical waste and how you operate it and monitor products (gas emission, ash,...).

We do not hold this information

3. The quantity of clinical waste before and after treatment for each type of treatment process.

We do not hold this information

4. The gas emission from the source and the calculation of it in every month for one year.

We do not hold this information

5. Methods used for final disposal, and process for validating / monitoring safe disposal processes.

Please see attached Policy regarding methods used for final disposal.

Pre-Acceptance Clinical Waste Audits and Dangerous Goods Audits are carried out by an External Auditor on an annual basis for the Trust to monitor the safe disposal processes.

6. The policy of clinical waste management in your hospital, including monitoring of third party practice.

Waste Management Policy attached. Please note, this is currently under review following recent changes made within the Trust.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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