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Dear

I am responding to your request for information received **7<sup>th</sup> April 2022**. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



**Shuchi Joshi**  
Senior Information Governance Coordinator – Information Rights

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**Request:**

**Question 1: Who is your current clinical waste / sharps container provider?**

Answer: NHS Supply Chain

**Question 2: Do you have a contract with the sharps container provider and if so when does this contract end?**

Answer: We currently do not have a fully signed contract with waste providers. These have been drafted and sent to the providers to review

**Question 3: Can you provide your current annual spend on sharps containers?**

Answer: NHS Supply Chain provides ALL of the Trust's Sharp containers that are ordered in the normal way.  
NHS Supply chain procures for the whole NHS from suppliers and then re-sells the products to ELFT through the RESUS (NHS Stores) system.  
The annual cost for 2021/22 year is £9,052.87

**Question 4: Who is your current waste management provider for the disposal/collection of sharps & clinical waste and when does this contract end?**

Answer: Sharpsmart - 01/07/2024 with the possibility to extend for an additional two years