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I am responding to your request for information received 3 January 2024. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Request: Please can the following be actioned as a Freedom of Information request. In an attempt to understand the landscape across the NHS I am requesting information about clinical waste contracts. Please can you provide the information for the queries below for your trust. If your trust has split or amalgamated in the last 3 years, please could you break the information down into historic trusts as relevant.

Question 1. Who is your current contractor for clinical waste collections? This will usually be one contractor for offensive/hazardous waste (tiger and orange bags) as well as sharps however if you have more than one contractor, please could you name them all.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 1 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

Question 5:

https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2022-01/anon_response_-_foi_da4054.pdf

Question 2. Please could you confirm if you are in a specific contract for clinical waste management or if clinical waste is collected as part of a wider total waste management solution. If a part of a total waste management solution, the TWM provider should be named in question 1.

Answer: The Trust has a specific contract for clinical waste management.

Question 3. If in contract for clinical waste management, please could you confirm the start date and the term of the contract? Could you please state if you contractually have the option extend past the standard duration and if so by how long? An example answer would be as follows.
'Aug 2022 start date for 3 years with the option of +1 extension wrote into the contract'

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 3 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

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Questions 2 and 3:

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Question 4. If known, please could you confirm how many separate sites clinical waste is collected from across your estate?

Answer: The Trust currently has 45 active sites in its portfolio.



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