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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 282-2020

Thank you for your email dated the 4th December, requesting information in relation to disposal of PPE.

The information that you require is as follows:

1 – The latest figure you have for the number of items of PPE issued to the Trust since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Information not held by the Trust - The Trust does not hold exact information with regard to the specific number of items of PPE issued to the Trust since the coronavirus pandemic began.

2 - If the figure contains a breakdown of gloves, masks, aprons, face visors and gowns, please let us know the numbers for those items.

Information not held by the Trust, See answer to Question 1

3 – If you have the figure, the cost of the PPE which has been issued to the Trust during the pandemic.

Information not held by the Trust, See answer to Question 1

4 - The amount of PPE, by weight if possible, if not, by number of items, which has accumulated on the Trust's premises awaiting collection and disposal.

Information not held by the Trust. The Trust works to the guidance issued by NHS England & Improvement in relation to waste management during COVID 19 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/04/C0611-covid-19-waste-management-guidance-sop-version-3.pdf> PPE goes into existing waste streams and bags are not identifiable for PPE specifically.

5 – The arrangements the Trust has made to dispose of the used PPE, including any new contracts and their value.

As with question 4, the Trust works to the guidance issued by NHS England & Improvement in relation to waste management during COVID 19 - <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/04/C0611-covid-19-waste-management-guidance-sop-version-3.pdf>

Disposal of PPE is included in the existing clinical waste contracts and SLAs the Trust has in place.

Our clinical waste service contracts for our three Trust sites are as follows:

- The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre – Wirral (CCCW) – The Trust has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH)
- The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre – Aintree (CCCA) - The Trust has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust
- The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre – Liverpool (CCCL) – The Trust has a contract with SRCL (Stericycle)

No new contracts have been put in place to dispose of the used PPE.

6 – The cost of disposal of PPE so far this year, and the cost last year.
See answer to Question 4

7 - Whether the Trust has any concerns that PPE awaiting disposal poses a health risk, or could pose such a risk in the near future.
No concerns have been recorded. Frequent collections mean PPE is removed in a timely manner.

8 – How much of the PPE will have to be incinerated, either by weight or number of items?
See answer to Question 4

9 – If you do not have the figure above, please give us an estimate of the percentage of the PPE issued to you during the pandemic which will have to be incinerated.
See answer to Question 1

10 - Any environmental concerns which have been raised with the Trust about the disposal and incineration of the PPE, particularly by any official bodies.

The Trust has no recorded environmental concerns which have been raised about the disposal and incineration of the PPE, particularly by any official bodies

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.