

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-717

22nd September 2025

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

For the past five financial years (or the most recent data available), please provide the following:

- **Annual expenditure on waste management, broken down by category (clinical, offensive, domestic/general, recycling, food waste, confidential, WEEE, radioactive).**

2024-2025:

Clinical Waste (High-Temperature Incineration) - £482,485.61

Clinical Waste - £182,391.99

Offensive Waste - £199,876.22

General Waste - £224,032.23

Recycling Waste - £231,133.79

Food Waste - £12,826.65

Confidential Waste - £63,003.66

WEEE - £8,233.40

Radioactive - This cost comes under clinical waste (HTI)

- **Average cost per tonne for each treatment or disposal route (incineration, alternative treatment, energy-from-waste (EfW), landfill, recycling).**

Clinical Waste (High-Temperature Incineration) - £985

Clinical Waste(AT) - £500

Offensive Waste - £375

General Waste - Between £150 to £200 per Tonne

Recycling Waste - Between £100 and 150 per Tonne

Food Waste - £3.60 per 240ltr food waste bin

- **The names of the Trust's current waste management contractor(s).**

Clinical Waste - Stericycle

Clinical Waste Reusable Sharps - Sharpsmart

General Waste - Biffa
Recycling Waste - Biffa
Confidential Waste - Biffa subcontracted to Shred-it
Food Waste - Biffa

• **Waste volume data (in tonnes) reported to the Estates Return Information Collection (ERIC) and/or Atamis platforms, broken down by waste stream.**

Clinical Waste (High-Temperature Incineration) - 526.498

Clinical Waste (AT) - 325.369

Offensive Waste - 510.165

General Waste - 1239.94

Recycling Waste - 1089.6042

Food Waste - 129.218

Confidential Waste - 399.292

WEEE - 15.186

• **Internal performance reports or key performance indicators (KPIs) relating to compliance with waste segregation and disposal standards.**

General Waste KPI -40% = 34%

Recycling Waste KPI +60% = 66%

High Treatment Incineration KPI -20%= 22%

Alternative Treatment KPI - 20%= 23%

Offensive Waste KPI + 60%= 55%

• **Estimates of the carbon footprint associated with waste operations (in tonnes CO₂e).**

Apr	64.3763062
May	58.93190268
Jun	66.83899446
Jul	62.86665888

• **Records of incidents connected to waste management (including misclassification, missed collections, or enforcement actions).**

We report any incidents through the Trust's reporting system.

• **Copies of any public-facing information or campaigns produced by the Trust to promote reduction of healthcare waste.**

We recently held the following events:

Zero Waste September 2025

Zero Waste September: time to talk rubbish!

The 1st – 7th September is Zero Waste Week, a global initiative calling on people all around the world to commit to reducing their landfill waste for a week - saving money, preserving resources and having fun in the process. At the Bristol NHS Group we have already reached a major milestone in waste reduction as we no longer send any of our waste to landfill. However,

that is not to say we are not still producing a huge amount of waste. Every year, NHS providers produce approximately 156,000 tonnes of clinical waste that is either sent to high temperature incineration or for alternative treatment, which is equivalent to over 400 loaded jumbo jets of waste.

Waste negatively impacts our environment, health, and well-being in many ways. How we dispose of waste can contribute to climate change, release air pollutants into the atmosphere, or contaminate water and soil. As a large NHS organisation, we have a responsibility to minimise the impact of our waste. This means every member of staff, regardless of role, plays a vital part in identifying opportunities to reduce waste.

This year, we're taking Zero Waste Week a step further, with our Zero Waste September campaign. Throughout the month several of our waste contractors will be visiting North Bristol NHS Trust and University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust to answer your questions about all things waste.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. 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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal 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

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Yours sincerely

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