

13/05/2022

Dear Requester,

FOI 1294

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

- 1. Who is your current clinical waste / sharps container provider?**
Bedford - Sharpsmart contract in line with the Tradebe contract.
L&D - Various suppliers via NHS Supply Chain.
- 2. Do you have a contract with the sharps container provider and if so when does this contract end?**
Bedford - Sharpsmart contract in line with the Tradebe contract with the end date of February 2023 with two optional extension periods of 24 months.
L&D - General contract for NHSSC purchasing.
- 3. Can you provide your current annual spend on sharps containers?**
Bedford - Sharpsmart spend at Bedford was £29k in 2020/21.
L&D - £139,580.63 for 2021/22.
- 4. Who is your current waste management provider for the disposal/collection of sharps & clinical waste and when does this contract end?**
Bedford and L&D - Tradebe contract with the end date of February 2023 with two optional extension period of 24 months.

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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