

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. How many sharps containers were disposed of annually for your NHS Hospital Trust within the last 10 years?

Years	Annual Total (kgs)
2019/20	6,927
2018/19	7,697
2017/18	7,046
2016/17	Essex Partnership Trust was created by merger in April 2017 and account numbers relating to the former NHS Trusts (South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust and North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust) were either dissolved or absorbed within the above account numbers going forward. Therefore the Trust is unable to provide this information.
2015/16	
2014/15	
2013/14	
2012/13	
2011/12	
2010/11	

2. What is the annual recorded cost for sharps container disposal for your NHS Hospital Trust within the last 10 years?
The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act (Commercial Interests)

Applied Exemption:

Section 43 (Commercial interests):

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.
- (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).
- (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).

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