

15th May 2023**BY EMAIL**
**Our Ref: FOI 1963**Dear 

Your request for information was received on 5th May 2023 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to the Delivery, Collection, Transportation, Treatment and Disposal of Clinical Waste from Hostels.

Please be advised that the tender 1483852 has expired and has been replaced by a contract which also includes other community settings e.g. GP Surgeries. In relation to your specific queries, please find a response as follows:

Who is your provider for clinical, collection and disposal from the hostels?

Rentokil, Initial UK Ltd

Which internal department manages this contract?

This contract is managed by the Department of Health and the Public Health Agency

What is the contract term, including start and expiry date?

3 years with options to extend up to a further 4 year period (01/10/2021 - 30/09/2024 initially with options to extend for a further 48 months)

When and how is the contract likely to be renewed or come to market?

A decision will be made in advance of the initial end period about extensions and then, if extended, in advance of the end of each individual extension. At present all tenders are advertised on eTenders NI <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/home.do> and if above threshold, also in Find a Tender Service <https://www.findatenderservice.co.uk>

Do you use a framework or your own tender etc?

The optimum route to procurement is considered on each occasion. On this occasion it was our own tender.



Current contract spend for clinical waste ?

Total expenditure for period 01.10.2021 – 31.01.2023 was £776,746.35

Current volumes of each type of waste?

Purple lidded bins 46,448 Orange lidded bins 132,081 for the period 01.10.2021 – 31.01.2023

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter, as the BSO, along with all other public authorities are not obliged to accept internal review requests after this period has lapsed.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,
2 Franklin Street,
Belfast,
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

Website: www.ico.org.uk
Phone: 0303 123 1113
Email: casework@ico.org.uk
Post: Information Commissioner's Office
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place
Belfast
BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,



Karen Bailey
Chief Executive

