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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2022-000089 – NHS Lothian's clinical waste contract

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 13 April 2022 requesting the following information.

I am writing to you, to request information regarding NHS Lothian's clinical waste contract under section 10 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This information was originally requested from NHS Lothian directly, however in response I was redirected to NHS National Services Scotland.

I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

Q1: The last three years' worth of available clinical waste data. Please provide tonnages produced by the board each year, broken down by the following waste streams:

- Waste for incineration
- Alternative treatment
- Offensive waste

Financial year	AT tonnage	HTI Waste Tonnes	Totals
2019/20	2133.29	490.43	2623.72
2020/21(part)	765.02	143.10	908.12
TOTALS	2898.31	633.54	3531.85

2019/20 date range 31 March 2019 to 29 March 2020.

2020/21 date range 05 April 2020 to 16 August 2020.

We are unable to provide you with the data on offensive waste, as NHS Scotland does not have an offensive waste stream although the material that would be in that classification of waste is captured in the orange and yellow waste stream. Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act an organisation does not require to provide information if it does not hold that information.



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I would recommend going back to foi@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk who are aware of this request and have advised they will provide the remainder of the data as NHS Lothian transitioned into contract with the Healthcare waste contractor on July 2020.

Q2. The amount spent on clinical waste disposal for the past three years, corresponding to the data in Q1. This data is to be broken down by disposal and transport cost.

During the period April 2019 to August 2020, processing of healthcare waste was under a contingency operation. Costs per tonne are provided below for Orange Bag (OB) waste and other Yellow stream wastes and have been applied to result in the Board cost below.

Logistics includes clinical waste collection, consolidation, equipment, management, operation of Transfer Stations and transport to disposal sites. Disposal is the waste processing costs (a consolidated rate across multiple contractors)

Cost per Tonne	OB	Yellow stream
Logistics	£690	£1,979
Disposal	£385	£1,077
Combined	£1,075	£3,056

Financial year	AT tonnage	AT total cost	HTI Waste Tonnes	HTI total cost	Combined total cost
2019/20	2133.29	£2,293,286.75	490.43	£1,498,768.99	£3,792,055.74
2020/21(part)	765.02	£822,396.50	143.10	£437,323.80	£1,259,720.30
TOTALS	2898.31	£3,115,683.25	633.54	£1,936,092.79	£5,051,776.04

Q3. Start date for the current clinical waste contract.

NHS Lothian began transition to Tradebe's service on 13 July 2020 and full transition was complete on 17 August 2020.

Q4. Current service provider(s) for each waste stream.

Tradebe Healthcare is the service provider for NHS Lothian's healthcare waste streams.

I trust you will find the information of assistance and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of how we have dealt with your request, you can make representations to us asking us to review the handling of your request. Please write to the

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or at the email address nss.foi@nhs.scot within 40 working days of the date of this correspondence.

If after a review you are still unhappy, you also have the right to apply to the Scottish Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS, or via their [online application form](#).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

