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Subject: Clinical waste

Q1 I would like to know what the trust currently uses to seal clinical waste bags and the annual quantity purchased (as well as the annual cost to the Trust if possible)?

A1 We double tie our bags using the bags own duck tie. We do not use seals or ties for our clinical waste

Q2 I would also like to know where the trust purchases these products from, i.e. is it direct from a supplier or from the NHS Supply Chain?

A2 NHS Supply Chain

Q3 Who is responsible for purchasing this product?

A3 Procurement/Supplies

Q4 How does the trust provide an audit trail for their clinical waste?

A4 Audits are performed by Infection prevention twice a year and we undertake random audits of our clinical waste. We also act upon any reported incidents regarding inappropriate securing or segregation of waste bags from our waste staff. We also have an audit system with the provider to remove and dispose of our clinical waste; they inform us of any inappropriate issues on receipt of our clinical waste.

Q5 Does the Trust use security seals for any other purpose, and if so what is used, how many are purchased a year, and from where? E.g. 10,000 p/a for sealing drugs pouches, from the Supply Chain for use in the Pharmacy.

A5 Yes, seals are used to secure controlled drug bags
During the last financial year 2x500 numbered seals and 15x500 unnumbered were ordered via NHS Supply Chain