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Subject: Disposal of PPE during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Q1 The latest figure you have for the number of items of PPE issued to the Trust since the coronavirus pandemic began.

Q2 If the figure contains a breakdown of gloves, masks, aprons, face visors and gowns, please let us know the numbers for those items.

Q3 If you have the figure, the cost of the PPE which has been issued to the Trust during the pandemic.

A1-3 Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. Please contact the National PPE Team within the Department of Health and Social Care for this information.

Q4 The amount of PPE, by weight if possible, if not, by number of items, which has accumulated on the Trust's premises awaiting collection and disposal.

Q5 The arrangements the Trust has made to dispose of the used PPE, including any new contracts and their value.

Q6 The cost of disposal of PPE so far this year, and the cost last year.

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A6 Information not held - We do not weigh the PPE separately.

There are 3 waste streams that PPE is put into according to the appropriate regulations:

Black bags – Domestic waste for office areas

Yellow/Black stripe bags - Offensive waste stream for entrances , wards, clinics

Orange bags - alternative heat treatment stream for Theatres and red zones areas

As PPE is managed as part of these streams and not individually we are unable to provide any data specific to its disposal.

Q7 Whether the Trust has any concerns that PPE awaiting disposal poses a health risk, or could pose such a risk in the near future.

A7 No issues have been raised with external agencies.

Q8 How much of the PPE will have to be incinerated, either by weight or number of items.

A8 Information not held – As per A4-6

Q9 If you do not have the figure above, please give us an estimate of the percentage of the PPE issued to you during the pandemic which will have to be incinerated.

A9 Information not held - Please note the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) gives rights of public access to information held by public authorities.

This right covers all recorded information held by a public authority; public authorities only have to provide information they already have in recorded form, they do not have to create new information or provide estimated information.

Q10 Any environmental concerns which have been raised with the Trust about the disposal and incineration of the PPE, particularly by any official bodies.

A10 None