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Internal Reference: 260352
Email:

Dear ,

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on **30/03/2026**. We have considered your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. **Please ensure you quote the Internal Reference number above in any future correspondence.**

Please accept the Trust's apologies for the delay and inconvenience you have experienced regarding your FOIA request.

Your Request and our Formal Response

I am a student who is currently researching the clinical waste market in the UK. As part of my research, I have the below questions:

- 1) Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each Framework / Contract and were successful & not successful at the PQQ & ITT Stages.
- 2) Actual Spend on this Contract / Framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the Contract to the Current Date.
- 3) Start Date & Duration of Framework / Contract?
- 4) Could you please provide a copy of the service / product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?
- 5) Is there an extension clause in the Framework(s) / Contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?



6) Has a decision been made yet on whether the Framework(s) / Contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

7) Who is the Senior Officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

8) Who is the Infection Control Lead responsible for the Trust + Contact Information?

9) Who is the Procurement Lead for Clinical Waste contracts for the Trust + Contact Information?

10) Who is the Environmental / Sustainability Lead for the Trust + Contact Information?

11) Who is the Waste Management Lead for the Trust + Contact Information?

12) Who is the Health and Safety Lead for the Trust + Contact Information?

13) Who is the Clinical Waste Incumbent?

14) Does the Trust make use of Reusable or Disposable Sharps Containers?

15) Current waste split between Alternative treatment, Incineration and offensive waste?

Formal Response

Clinical waste collections are covered under our Total Waste Management contract.

1) This was a direct award under an SBS framework with the incumbent supplier (Sharpsmart Ltd), as we will be working on a collaborative procurement with 5 other Trusts later this year; therefore there were no other suppliers involved in this process. If you want information about the original Framework tender stages, you will need to contact the SBS Framework owner for this, as we don't have that detail.

2) It is not possible to give a breakdown of the cost for clinical waste spent to date, as it is covered within the total monthly charges of the wider Total Waste Management contract. Therefore, the Trust does not hold the requested information in the exact format. However, we can provide an estimated annual spend attributable to clinical waste is approximately £81k.

3) 1/11/25 - 12 months

4) Please find Framework specification attached.

5) Yes, 12 months



6) A decision has not yet been made but likely to be extended to bring us in line with a collaborative procurement with other Trusts.

For questions 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 the Trust does not provide individual names or contact details in response to FOI requests. Business enquiries can be made by emailing enquiries@secamb.nhs.uk.

Alternatively, names and roles of SECamb employees already in the public domain can be found via our website here: [About Us | SECamb](#)

13) Medisort Services is the subcontractor our Waste Provider uses for these services.

14) Yes, the Trust makes use of Disposable Sharps containers.

15) The waste split over the last 6 months is as per below:

60-20-20 Trend

Year	AT Waste	HTI Waste	Offensive Waste
2025	12%	11%	77%
October	12%	12%	76%
November	15%	12%	73%
December	10%	9%	81%
2026	12%	12%	76%
January	14%	11%	75%
February	10%	12%	78%
Total	12%	11%	77%

Next steps

Some information held by the Trust is routinely published on our [website](#) and may be of assistance.

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Requests for an internal review should be submitted within **40 working days** of the date of this response and should be sent to:

Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance at FOI@secamb.nhs.uk



The internal review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in handling your original request, ordinarily the Trust's Data Protection Officer. We aim to complete internal reviews within **20 working days** of receipt.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of the internal review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO generally expects complaints to be raised promptly following the completion of an internal review.

The easiest way to raise a complaint is via the ICO's website:

www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints

Alternatively, you may write to:
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Corporate Governance Team
South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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