

Our Ref: 137/2024  
February 2024

**Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on medical equipment at your Trust.

*The number of incidents where medical needles were not safely disposed of at your NHS trust in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023*

*The number of incidents where biological material was not safely disposed of at your NHS trust in each of the calendar years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023*

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Needles (Search used- Improper disposal of Sharps)</i>	<i>Biological (Search used- clinical waste found in drains/Laundry/household waste bags and Incorrect disposal of Clinical Waste)</i>
a) 2019	20	4
b) 2020	13	3
c) 2021	12	1
d) 2022	12	2
e) 2023	11	1

*I have provided the information that was requested, I do not verified its accuracy. The divisions are responsible for the accuracy of all reporting.*