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Freedom of Information Reference: FOI-2023-000246 - Clinical waste bags & Sharps bins

I refer to your freedom of information request that we received on 12 July 2023. I can advise you that we have now completed the search of our records and can provide you with the following information:

To assist with market research, I would like to enquire as to the following information:

- **The total amount of clinical waste bags procured/used by NHS Scotland split by bag type (Orange, Offensive, Yellow, Purple, Black etc). in FY22, 21, 20 & 19.**
- **The total cost of this.**

Under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act, 2002 (FOISA) an organisation does not have to provide any information if it does not hold that information. NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) does not hold information on behalf of NHS Scotland.

We have provided information for products supplied via the National Distribution Service (NDS) only and does not cover any products that health boards may have purchased direct. Please find attached Appendix 1 – Clinical waste bags, detailing the total amount of bags procured/used, split by bag type and the total cost of this in each financial year from 2019 until 2022.

- **The total amount of sharps containers procured/used by NHS Scotland split by container size and colour (Blue, Orange, Yellow, Purple etc) in FY22, 21, 20 & 19.**
- **The total cost of this**

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We have provided information for products supplied via the National Distribution Service (NDS) only and does not cover any products that health boards may have purchased direct. Please find attached Appendix 2 – Clinical waste sharps containers, detailing the total amount of sharps containers procured/used, split by size and colour and the total cost of this in each financial year from 2019 until 2022.



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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

