Ref: FOI/GS/ID 5039

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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to waste management.

You asked:
Please could you provide the following information relating to the amount, cost, methods and reporting of the disposal and treatment of municipal, healthcare and clinical waste?

The questions below relate to bagged waste only, including the following:

• Municipal waste, residual (not segregated for recycling);
• Municipal waste, recyclable (segregated by single type or as a comingled recyclable stream);
• Offensive waste;
• Infectious waste streams, orange and yellow categories (not sharps).

Please indicate the total amount of waste (in weight) produced by your organisation:

Trust response:

	Tonnes 2016/2017	Tonnes 2017/2018
Municipal, residual (black bags)	917	726
Municipal, recycling	176	258
Offensive (tiger strips)	295	269
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	519	433
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	82	55

The associated costs for collection and treatment/disposal of these wastes:

	£ 2016/2017	£ 2017/2018
Municipal, residual (black bags)	118975	119096

Municipal, recycling	22902	42686
Offensive (tiger strips)	66375	60525
Infectious (orange), suitable for alternative treatment	142725	119075
Infectious (yellow), requiring incineration	35260	23650

Please note the following:

1. The 2016 / 17 data is based upon 6 months data and multiplied by 2, this is because the Trust started the SRCL contract in September 2016, which is as far back as we have reliable data.

2. The Trust does not separate the costs for the clinical streams, we record the tonnages, so the cost for the offensive and infectious waste streams is based on volumes produced x unit rate per tonne, so this an indicative cost and not an "actual cost"