

Date: Monday, 22nd January 2024  
Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 6118

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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6118**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 15th January 2024.

Your request was as follows:

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the Clinical Waste Contract/s that your trust currently has in place.

The details we require are as follows:

- Suppliers who applied for inclusion on each framework/contract and were successful and not successful at the PQQ & ITT stages

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested. Therefore we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

- Actual spend on this contract/framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust have spent £49,130.47 from May 2022 to end of Dec 2023.

- Start date and duration of framework/contract

Start Date - 1st May 2022.  
Expiry Date 30th April 2027.

- Could you please provide a copy of the service/product specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?

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- Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

I can confirm that the contract has 2 x 12 month extensions.

- Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s)/contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

No.

- Who is the Senior Officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract + contact information

Head of Facilities - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [wcft.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:wcft.enquiries@nhs.net) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

- Who is the Procurement Lead for Clinical Waste contracts for the Trust + contact information

Head of Procurement - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [wcft.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:wcft.enquiries@nhs.net) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

- Who is the Environmental/Sustainability Lead for the Trust + contact information

Sustainability Manager - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [wcft.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:wcft.enquiries@nhs.net) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

- Who is the Waste Management Lead for the Trust + contact information

Senior Facilities Officer - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [wcft.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:wcft.enquiries@nhs.net) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

- Who is the Health and Safety Lead for the Trust + contact information

Health, Safety & EPRR Manager - The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust does not disclose individual staff members contact details. You can write to staff using the address above or alternatively email [wcft.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:wcft.enquiries@nhs.net) asking for your correspondence to be forwarded on.

- Who is the current Clinical Waste incumbent (service provider)?

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- Does the Trust make use of reusable or disposable sharps containers and who is the service provider?

Yes, the WCFT uses reusable harps containers via Sharpsmart.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6118 in any future communications.**

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

*Mike Burns*

**Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**