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REQUEST

In an attempt to understand the landscape across the NHS I am requesting information about clinical waste contracts. Please can you provide the information for the queries below for your Trust. If your Trust has split or amalgamated in the last 3 years, please could you break the information down into historic Trusts as relevant.

1. Who is your current contractor for clinical waste collections? This will usually be one contractor for offensive / hazardous waste (tiger and orange bags) as well as sharps however if you have more than one contractor, please could you name them all?
2. Please could you confirm if you are in a specific contract for clinical waste management or if clinical waste is collected as part of a wider total waste management solution. If a part of a total waste management solution, the TWM provider should be named in question 1?
3. If in contract for clinical waste management, please could you confirm the start date and the term of the contract? Could you please state if you contractually have the option extend past the standard duration and if so by how long? An example answer would be as follows.

'Aug 2022 start date for 3 years with the option of +1 extension wrote into the contract'
4. If known, please could you confirm how many separate sites clinical waste is collected from across your estate?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

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St Helens and Knowsley:

Tradebe (bagged) and Sharpsmart (Sharps).

Southport and Ormskirk:

Stericycle.

- 2. Please could you confirm if you are in a specific contract for clinical waste management or if clinical waste is collected as part of a wider total waste management solution. If a part of a total waste management solution, the TWM provider should be named in question 1?**

Specific contracts for clinical waste management.

- 3. If in contract for clinical waste management, please could you confirm the start date and the term of the contract? Could you please state if you contractually have the option extend past the standard duration and if so by how long?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Contract start date was April 2021, this is for 3 years with the option to extend by 1 year.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Contract start date was April 2022, this is for 5 years with the option to extend for no longer than 7 years.

- 4. If known, please could you confirm how many separate sites clinical waste is collected from across your estate?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Collections from 2 sites.

Southport and Ormskirk:

Collections from 3 sites.