

## Freedom of Information request 438-22

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### Request

1. Who is your current clinical waste / sharps container provider?
2. Do you have a contract with the sharps container provider and if so when does this contract end?
3. Can you provide your current annual spend on sharps containers?
4. Who is your current waste management provider for the disposal/collection of sharps & clinical waste and when does this contract end?

Please provide the information in the form of word document or reply to this email.

### Response

1. The current supplier is Vernacare.
2. Yes, inline with the National Contract through National Services Scotland (NSS) who can provide further details.
3. NHS Borders current annual spend on sharps containers is £60,000.
4. This contract is through NSS Procurement, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible from them.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or [foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk).

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **438-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.