

As the information you have requested is 'environmental information' for the purposes of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs), we are required to deal with your request under those Regulations. We are applying the exemption at section 39(2) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), so that we do not also have to deal with your request under FOISA.

However under EIR, NHS Dumfries and Galloway's response is as follows:

- A) The quantity of hazardous waste disposed of within hospital sites in your board area, type of waste, locations used, method of disposal and year of deposit? (Note details of incineration and/or off-site disposal of waste not required)

The Board does not dispose of any hazardous waste on or within any of its sites.

The exception to this is the sterilisation of laboratory sample plates and slides after use. In this case, the quantities of waste are negligible and are not quantified. There is a rigorous process in place and records are kept of all sterilisation cycles and the efficacy of the process undertaken.

- B) Provide any risk assessments carried out to ensure patient and public safety and/or avoid disturbance by contractors or utilities carrying out work on contaminated sites still in active use

Not applicable - No dangerous waste disposed of on site

- C) Provide information on the cost of such on-site waste disposals.

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