# Guide to Clinical Waste Segregation



## **Clinical Waste Bags**

#### **Orange Bag**

Non-sharp, potentially infectious items including low hazard lab wastes, dressings, swabs, disposables and other typical 'ward' potentially infectious clinical waste.



# **Non-Sharps**

#### **Blue Lid**

Pharmaceutical products such as pills, tablets & pharmaceutically contaminated glass bottles. Excludes purple category medicines.



### **Purple Lid**

Non sharp cytotoxic and cytostatic waste related to chemotherapy, immunosuppressants, antivirals and hormonal drugs.



### Yellow Lid (leak proof)

Waste such as recognisable body parts, tissues, organs, body fluid drains, pathology specimens and gypsum.



All bags must be swan-neck tied

Hold the bag by the neck and twist until tight



Fold over the neck of the bag to make a "swan neck"



All waste must have ward/ identification number and date

#### **Yellow Bag**

Highly infectious waste requiring disposal by incineration.

Bag should be placed within yellow clinical leak proof bin or double bagged if too large.



# Sharps

## Blue Lid Sharps Box

Pharmaceutically contaminated sharps and glassware. Excludes purple category medicines.



## **Purple Lid Sharps Box**

Cytotoxic and cytostatic sharps waste related to chemotherapy, immunosuppressants, antivirals and hormonal drugs.

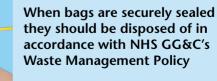


### **Orange Lid Sharps Box**

Infectious sharps, broken glass, bag, tube and suction sets with no pharmaceutical contamination.



Place ratchet type tag or tape around the folded neck of the bag and tighten until a sturdy, secure seal has been made



Please speak to site Facilities team for more information