

Freedom of Information Request –

1. How much clinical waste was generated by syringes (description outlined above) in years 2019-2021

Syringes regardless of size (1ml to 50ml) and all types of needles (IM and IV) are disposed of via sharps boxes along with any other sharps (scalpels, blades, scissors etc.) Therefore, it would be impossible to segregate out this specific waste

2. How many syringes were bought in 2019-2021

Quantity			
	2019	2020	2021
Orders	102,112	79,612	68,220

Please note

- These reflect the quantities denoted in orders so the assumption is they were all received and paid for, ie, 'bought'
- A search was undertaken for syringes; sometimes the description has been needle, which has been assumed is a syringe and included
- This is not necessarily a complete reflection of all syringes purchased as there could very well be other descriptions that equate to a syringe that have not picked up
- The request mentioned sub cutaneous needles for vaccine or drug delivery (clexane etc.) – The Trust would not record that level of detail in the descriptors and cannot locate that specific in a description field so are unable to review those items

3. How much medical waste generated in total years 2019-2021

2019 – 2020 986.4 tonnes, 2020 – 2021 1131.76 tonnes, which includes clinical and pharmaceutical waste

4. Any data broken down into COVID vaccine delivery with syringes related to waste similar to asked above also would be of great use.

This level of detailed information is not captured and is considered part of clinical waste as noted in the response to question 1

5. Confirmation if one syringe and one needle is used per vaccination

Yes