

# WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY

## Policy Statement

Public Health Wales considers the safe and effective management of waste as essential to the health and safety of all its service-users, staff and stakeholders. Responsible waste disposal, waste segregation and recycling is also critical to the protection of the environment. Public Health Wales will ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place to safely handle, segregate, store, transport and dispose of waste.

This policy, and supporting procedures, have been developed in line with the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc., Act 1974 and the Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 07 – 01 (Safe Management of Healthcare Waste).

## Policy Commitment

Public Health Wales is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of its staff and those who are affected by its activities, and recognises the obligations imposed under:

The Health and Safety at Work etc., Act 1974; The Environmental Protection Act 1990; Waste Management the Duty of care Code of Practice 2016 and the Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 07 – 01 (Safe Management of Healthcare Waste) to:

- Increase its waste segregation and minimise the waste going to landfill where practicable to do so.
- Minimise the impact of waste disposal on the Environment.

Public Health Wales will so far as is reasonably practicable, through the management of waste and protect the environment, Public Health Wales aims to ensure that:

- Waste is managed safely in line with applicable legislation
- Healthcare waste is segregate in accordance with HTM07-01 where practicable to do so
- To reduce the quantities of waste generated and to maximise segregation, re-use, re-cycling and recovery of those materials which enter the waste stream

- To ensure that waste is managed with minimum impact on the environment.

This will be achieved by:

- Providing procedures for the safe handling of those wastes for which Public Health Wales is responsible, from the locations at which it arises until its responsibility for transportation and disposal is formally transferred to an approved contractor(s)

Ensuring that Public Health Wales complies with current relevant legislation and established best practice guidelines

### **Supporting Procedures and Written Control Documents**

All other organisational Health and Safety policies, procedures and written control documents.

- Health and Safety Policy
- Infection Control Policy
- Waste Management Procedures

### **Scope**

This policy and any arrangements made under it applies to:

- All persons employed or engaged by Public Health Wales, including part time workers, temporary and agency workers, those holding honorary contracts and those engaged by the NHS Wales Health Collaborative
- All service users, visitors and volunteers;

This policy applies to all services directly provided by Public Health Wales and all staff should familiarise themselves with the policy. Health Care Waste Management will be undertaken in a variety of environments, e.g. hospitals, outpatient departments Care facilities, community settings, GP surgeries and mobile units.

Where Public Health Wales provides services with other organisations, including health boards, the policies and procedures of the employing organisation including honorary contract holders will apply. Where appropriate joint working arrangements will be agreed and for shared premises a Service Level Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding or alternative agreement will be in place.

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<b>Summary of reviews/amendments</b>				
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2	30.06.20	TBC	TBC	Black 67 – <b>Waste Management Policy</b> (Version 1) reviewed. Document re-developed as a separate policy and procedure.
3	18.09.17	19.12.17	05.02.18	A full revision of the policy has been undertaken to incorporate changes in legislation/guidance i.e. Health Technical Memorandum 07-01 Safe Management of Healthcare Waste as amended 2013