

Patient information – Outpatient Department

Local Councils' Sharps Bin Collection and Disposal Services

Introduction

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide you with information on how to dispose of your syringes, needles or other sharp instruments safely.

Please be careful and **do not** dispose of sharps in your general waste bin as these can cause injury and pass on infections.

How to arrange the collection and disposal of the sharps bin

Sharps disposal guidelines and programs vary depending on where you live, so you will need to contact your local council for specific information to your needs.

Most councils will collect both the yellow and purple lidded bins but will only replace the yellow ones.

For bins with purple lids (cytotoxic bins), you will need to collect a replacement from the Outpatient Department at the Lister, New QEII or Hertford County Hospital between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday only (excluding Bank Holidays).

Check with your local council for up-to-date information:

- **Stevenage Borough Council - 01438 218803 or 01438 242323**
www.stevenage.gov.uk/recycling-and-waste/assisted-refuse-collection
- **North Hertfordshire District Council - 0800 328 6023**
www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/waste-and-recycling/household-waste-and-recycling/domestic-clinical-waste
- **Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - 01707 357000**
www.welhat.gov.uk/clinicalwaste
- **Central Bedfordshire Council - 0300 0300 8301**
www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/waste/clinical-waste/collection.aspx

- **St Albans City and District Council - 01727 809019**
www.stalbans.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/rubbish-waste-and-recycling/clinical-waste.aspx
- **Watford Borough Council - 01923 278625**
www.watford.gov.uk/info/2015/rubbish_and_recycling/78/clinical_waste
- **Dacorum Borough Council - 01442 228000**
www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/environment-street-care/recycling-refuse-waste/clinical-waste-collections
- **London Borough of Barnet - 02083 595045**
www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/rubbish-waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-and-waste/clinical-waste.html

