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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

Date request received	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
Date information is due to be sent	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Information requested:

I would like to request, if possible, data on the amount of money spent per annum, specifically for the disposal of sharps waste, across all trusts for the last 3 years.

### Information provided for the answer

In regards to your request for information from Public Health Wales about the costs our Trust of 'sharps' disposal. Public Health Wales is unique in Wales in that we consist of the all Wales Microbiology services (hosted in individual Health Boards microbiology laboratories) and the all Wales Screening services e.g. Breast Screening, Cervical Screening etc.

As part of the service agreement we have with the Health Boards for provision of Microbiological services, they collect the waste from the labs including 'sharps' at no cost to Public Health Wales i.e. included as part of the hospitals own sharps disposal contracts.

In regards to our Screening programs they have limited use of 'sharps', only Breast Test Wales (BTW) use sharps on a limited basis.

BTW

South East = £30.00 per month

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North = £30.00 per month

