

Buying Guide

Reusable Clinical Waste Containers

FTS reference number: 2021/S 000-
009210

NHS Supply Chain: Medical and Surgical
Consumables

Framework Information

Introduction

The Reusable Clinical Waste Containers Framework provides you with an end-to-end service for reusable clinical waste containers.

Use of the framework can enable considerable reductions in single-use plastic consumption and CO2 emissions. The service provides a more sustainable alternative to single use clinical waste containers.

Framework Name	Reusable Clinical Waste Containers Framework
FTS reference number	2021/S 000-009210
Period of Framework Agreement	Four Years Fixed Term with a two-year extension period.
Start Date	17 January 2022
End Date	16 January 2026
Framework Type	Direct framework.
Call off Contract options	Call off contracts can be placed until the final date of the framework agreement period.
Call off Contract	The Framework is designed for you to work with the approved Framework Suppliers via: Direct Award, through orders placed with a Unique Reference Number (URN) and order form.
NHS Supply Chain Category	Medical and Surgical Consumables
Category Management Team	Medical and Surgical Consumables Category Managers.
For further guidance	Contact your NHS Supply Chain ICS Manager .

For further information about this framework please visit the [Contract Information Page](#) which you will find under Frameworks on the Category Page.

How to buy through the Framework

Instructions below for how to use and order from the framework.

- If you are interested in purchasing via the framework you should email:
 - The Category Manager, Louisa Elsworth louisa.elsworth@supplychain.nhs.uk
 - Copy in your relevant [ICS Manager](#).

- There will be an initial period to share information including:
 - Contact details
 - The offering from Sharpsmart
 - Current waste container provision
 - What stage you are at in the process of moving to a reusables service.
- Contact details for Sharpsmart will be provided to enable a direct discussion to take place on requirements and potential next steps, for example:
 - Pre-conversion support, including a 'needs audit' and waste disposal assessment to identify opportunities for improvement in practice, as well as financial savings and sustainability target opportunities
 - Product trials, including associated training and support
 - Payment terms and contract arrangements (in the event of a switch)
- Sharpsmart will share the conversion with us. We will conduct an analysis on the impacts on the Single-Use Clinical Waste Containers framework, including any impact to National Pricing Matrices (NPMs) to give you an accurate breakdown of cost savings from the switch.
- We may contact you and Sharpsmart from this point for a progress update. You should notify us if a decision to switch is made.
- When you decide to proceed with a switch to the reusables service from Sharpsmart, we will provide copies of:
 1. The Call Off Terms and Conditions, and the
 2. Order form.

These documents will clearly set out the contract service from Sharpsmart. They should be reviewed, completed and then sent to Sharpsmart for their review and additions. Both parties will then sign the order form. Copies of the documents may also be held by us.

- We will issue a Unique Reference Number (URN) as a reference to the agreement put in place with the supplier through this framework.
- We will work in conjunction with the supplier and you to monitor performance under the contract and any savings and efficiencies generated through the use of this service.
- Our Category Manager remains a point of contact for you and the supplier during the contract.