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The new framework encompasses the entire end-to-end service for reusable clinical waste containers. Instructions below for how to use and order from the framework.

- Trust to inform NHS Supply Chain: Infection Control and Wound Care of interest in framework via email to:
  - The buyer, Laura Spence [laura.spence@supplychain.nhs.uk](mailto:laura.spence@supplychain.nhs.uk)
  - Copy in your relevant Customer Relationship Manager.
- An initial sharing of information including:
  - Contact details
  - The offering from Sharpsmart
  - Current waste container provision
  - What stage the trust is 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 the NHS Supply Chain Buyer who will conduct analysis on the impacts on the single-use clinical waste containers framework, including any impact to NPMs to give accurate breakdown of cost savings from switch.
- NHS Supply Chain may contact the trust and Sharpsmart from this point for a progress update. NHS Supply Chain should be notified by the trust if a decision to switch is made.
- When the trust decides to proceed with a switch to the reusables service from Sharpsmart, NHS Supply Chain will provide copies of:
  1. The Call Off Terms and Conditions, and;
  2. Order Form.

These documents will clearly set out the contract service from Sharpsmart. They should be reviewed and completed in the first instance 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 NHS Supply Chain.

- NHS Supply Chain will issue a Unique Reference Number (URN) as a reference to the agreement put in place with the supplier through this NHS Supply Chain framework.

- NHS Supply Chain will work in conjunction with the supplier and trust to monitor performance under the contract and any savings and efficiencies generated through the use of this service.
- The NHS Supply Chain Buyer remains a point of contact for the trust, and supplier during the contract.