

Observation Topic of the Month - Storage and Disposal of Clinical Waste



Do you have risk assessments in place covering the disposal of clinical waste?



Are staff aware of the segregation requirements for the clinical waste produced in their dept?



Are the correct type and colours of clinical waste containers available and in use?



Are staff aware not to fill sharps bins above the maximum fill line?



Is all waste paperwork stored in line with SOP1544?



Are staff, including cleaning and portering staff, trained to the latest version of SOP1544?

Please feedback to the team all the positive information from your observation and congratulate them on what they did correctly. Any suggestions for improvement should be put to the team as a question as per the behavioural safety training and also collated onto a near-miss postcard and return it to the health, safety and wellbeing team.