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- *I would like to know what the Trust currently uses to seal clinical waste bags and the annual quantity purchased (as well as the annual cost to the Trust if possible).*

The Trust purchased the following items via NHS Supply Chain during 1 January to 31 December 2017. However, as these products were ordered via individual sites on an as needed basis the Trust does not hold a central record of how many of each item was ordered during the last calendar year.

Clinical waste bag seals plain black 265mm long strap
Clinical waste bag seals plain yellow 265mm long strap
Tie bag plastic For polythene bags natural colour 3.6 x 300mm
Clinical waste bag seals plain yellow 265mm long strap
Tie bag plastic For polythene bags natural colour 3.6 x 300mm
Clinical waste bag seals printed with a serial number black 216mm long strap
Tie bag plastic For polythene bags natural colour 3.6 x 300mm
Clinical waste bag seals plain yellow 265mm long strap
Clinical waste bag seals plain black 265mm long strap
Tie bag plastic For polythene bags black 250mm x 4.8mm
Tie bag plastic For polythene bags natural colour 3.6 x 300mm
Tie bag plastic For polythene bags natural colour 3.6 x 300mm
Tie bag plastic For polythene bags natural colour 3.6 x 300mm
Clinical waste bag seals plain yellow 265mm long strap
Clinical waste bag seals plain black 265mm long strap
Clinical waste bag seals printed with a serial number black 216mm long strap
Clinical waste bag seals plain black 265mm long strap

The annual cost for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2017 was £1,003.08.

- *I would also like to know where the trust purchases these products from, i.e. is it direct from a supplier or from the NHS Supply Chain?*

Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust purchases clinical waste bags seals from NHS Supply Chain.

- *Who is responsible for purchasing this product?*

The individual site managers are responsible for purchasing this product.

- *How does the trust provide an audit trail for their clinical waste?*

The Trust provides an audit trail by matching consignment notes with the quarterly producer returns as per Environment Agency procedure.