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Dear Colleague,

Re: National Framework Agreement for Clinical Waste Services for GPs

As you will be aware from our letter of 20th October 2016, NHS England has launched a new national framework agreement setting out consistent standards for collection and disposal of clinical waste from GP surgeries and unwanted medicines from pharmacies. NHS England is responsible for commissioning the collection and disposal of clinical waste from your practice on your behalf.

We are writing to inform you that a supplier has now been appointed who will be responsible for the collection and disposal of clinical waste from your practice.

Your new supplier

We are pleased to inform you that your (new) supplier is **SRCL** and that your new contract will begin on **8th May 2017**.

Who does this apply to?

If your clinical waste services are currently commissioned by NHS Property Services or Community Health Partnerships this arrangement will continue and you will not be transferred to this new SRCL NHS England contract.

If you commission your own clinical waste services this arrangement will continue until an agreement is made for you to be transferred onto the NHS England North Contract with SRCL.

Important contact details

Here are some important contacts for you to keep and share with colleagues in your practice.

- **Your local NHS England contact is** Cathy Rowlands, Primary Care Project Manager, She can be contacted via the generic email inbox England.cmmedical@nhs.net. Please put "clinical waste query- FOA CR" in the subject line of your email. Please do contact us if you have any queries regarding the clinical waste contract.
- **Your contact at SRCL is** Peter Siviter, NHS Strategic Business Manager, via email psiviter@srcl.com (telephone 07971 795896). Feel free to contact Peter if you have questions about the current service they are providing or their future provision of clinical waste service to the practice.

What happens next?

There is a mobilisation period from 13th February until 7th May 2017. During this period SRCL will contact you to verify the details of your clinical waste supplies and days and frequency of collections.

Please ensure that any requests for information on your clinical waste provision or future requirements from SRCL are responded to promptly.

Even if you are currently receiving a clinical waste service from SRCL commissioned by NHS England, this is a new contract awarded under the national framework, and you will still be contacted before the new contract commences. However, those practices currently *not* supplied by SRCL will be contacted first.

Where necessary site visits will be made by arrangement with the practice.

Pre-acceptance waste audits:

Please be aware that pre-acceptance waste audits remain valid until their expiry date. SRCL will require the practice to provide a copy of this document. Practices are not expected to complete a new pre-acceptance waste audit as a result of changes to their clinical waste suppliers, however you must have a valid pre-acceptance audit in order for your clinical waste service to continue.

If your pre-acceptance audit is due for renewal SRCL have an on-line audit tool that can be used, which may result in some cases in a site visit. SRCL are happy to advise on this if so required.

SRCL will work closely with the incumbent suppliers to validate clinical waste supply information and to ensure a seamless service handover for the practice. It is part of SRCL's role under the new contract to review types of products, frequency and usage. SRCL will work closely with practices to improve clinical waste processes in order to deliver efficiencies and standardisation.

Please feel free to contact NHS England or SRCL if you have any questions.

We thank you in advance for your time and co-operation.

Yours sincerely



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