

# Sharps disposal

## Patient information leaflet

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please speak to a member of staff who can arrange it for you.**

اگر به این بروشور به زبان دیگر یا در قالب دسترس پذیر نیاز دارید،  
لطفاً با یکی از کارکنان صحبت کنید تا آن را برای شما تهیه کند.

Jeśli niniejsza ulotka ma być dostępna w innym języku lub formie,  
proszę skontaktować się z członkiem personelu, który ją dla Państwa przygotowuje.

Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil,  
vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe  
de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

如果您需要本传单的其他语言版本或无障碍格式，请联系工作人员为您安排。

إذا احتجت إلى هذه النشرة بلغة أخرى، أو بتنسيق  
يسهل الوصول إليه، يرجى التحدث إلى أحد الموظفين لترتيب ذلك لك.

## What should be put in the sharps bin?

A sharps bin is required for disposal of needles from insulin pen devices, pump cannulas, lancets from finger pricking devices and glass insulin cartridges and vials. These items must be disposed of as clinical waste under the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992.

## Safe disposal

Safe disposal is required as sharps have been in contact with blood. If sharps disposal is not adhered to, an accidental injury may occur to refuse collectors, children or other members of the public.

If this occurs, the person who receives the injury would not know what the sharp had been used for and whether it carries an infectious disease (e.g. hepatitis or HIV). The psychological impact of such injuries is significant for the individual.

Safe disposal of sharps is, therefore, very important and a responsibility to be taken seriously by children and young people with diabetes and their parents/carers.

## Notes

This leaflet has been written to help manage diabetes at home.

Do not rely on this leaflet alone for information about your child's treatment.

If you require any further information, please telephone and ask for your paediatric diabetes specialist nurse.

The diabetes team are here to support you, if you have any questions contact the diabetes team on:

#### **Ormskirk:**

- Paediatric Diabetes Office - 01695 656 766 or 01695 656 867.
- Children's Ward, Ormskirk Hospital: 01695 656 912.

#### **Whiston:**

- Whiston Hospital - 0151 430 1404.

#### **Ormskirk Hospital - West Lancashire**

A free collection service for clinical waste is provided by West Lancashire borough council.

To register for a self service account complete an online form in the 'Domestic Clinical Waste Collection' section, further arrangements for collection and replacement can be arranged using your log in details. The collection team should be informed of the selected 'safe place' where the sharps container is to be left/collected from.



#### **Ormskirk Hospital - North Sefton**

A free collection service for clinical waste is provided by Sefton council. Call customer services on 03451 400 845 to set up the service, using option 'Cleansing', this service can then be used to arrange bookings for collection and replacement.

Opening hours are Monday -Thursday, 9am - 5:30pm and Fridays 9 - 5pm. The collection team should be informed of the selected 'safe place' where the sharps container is to be left collected.

## Schools

Local councils will only collect or replace sharps containers from domestic premises. Sharps containers for use at schools should be provided by parents/carers. Parents are able to order more than one sharps container from their local council.

Items which may improve safety in schools:

BD auto shield duo safety pen needles (5mm) can be obtained from GP. These needles fit any insulin pen device and reduce needle stick injuries as the needle is protected.

## Whiston Hospital - St Helens

You will need to complete an online request by visiting the St. Helens council website.

**Bins, recycling and waste → Clinical/medical waste collections → Request Sharps**

You can then arrange delivery & exchange of sharps boxes which should be left in an accessible place for the driver.



## Whiston Hospital - Knowsley

An online form must be completed by medical professional. Please request your GP surgery to complete this.



## Whiston Hospital - Halton

Please email [hdl@halton.gov.uk](mailto:hdl@halton.gov.uk) for all enquiries regarding the disposal of sharps containers. You will then be contacted directly by council staff who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

