

# Sanpro Waste Operational Procedure

## 1. Definition of Sanpro Waste

Where risk assessment shows there to be no infection risk, Group 'E' wastes are not clinical waste.

The category Group 'E' includes any items of waste used for the collection or disposal of human excreta and secretata. It is excluded from the definition of clinical waste and is not considered dangerous for carriage.

However, while infection risk is low, it should be recognised that these items will often be of an offensive nature requiring adequate steps for handling and disposal arrangements.

## 2. Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

Correspondence with SEPA confirmed that "if the material being dealt with via this proposal be kept within the Group 'E' material then there is no preclusion to it being directed to the appropriate landfill disposal."

## 3. Clinical Risk Assessment

Clinical Risk Assessment prepared by the Infection Control Department.

## 4. General Risk Assessment

The assessment assumes that Sanpro is low risk waste and not subjected to the requirements for clinical waste, as defined in statute. It is accepted that the inclusion of Sanpro waste within the trade waste stream requires additional precautions and arrangements; these have been fully addressed in the assessment process.

## 5. Proposed System of Work

- Use of brown (40 micron gauge) bags for Sanpro waste disposal.
- Brown, black and orange plastic sacks to be segregated pending disposal.
- Brown sacks to be securely stored in locked wheeled container pending uplift.
- Brown sacks to be properly sealed by ratchet ties to ensure effective closure. Ties indicating source of waste, ie. clinical waste tags.
- Frequency of internal and external collections to be monitored and adjusted as determined by operational requirements.
- External flat hardstanding created for wheeled bins pending uplift.
- Enclosed fenced area created to securely retain the locked wheeled bins for clinical waste (orange plastic sacks and yellow sharps containers) and Sanpro waste (brown sacks).
- Sanpro and clinical waste bins will be washed as required.  
Disposal of trade waste (black sack) to continue unchanged.

## 6. Training

Comprehensive staff training sessions to be provided to ensure full understanding of the system and the need for immediate responsiveness in case of any outbreak which necessitates that the Sanpro waste be treated as clinical waste.

Training arrangements must ensure the inclusion of all disciplines and new/temporary/agency/bank staff appointments.

**7. Quality Assurance/Monitoring/Audit**

The Sanpro waste system, in common with the clinical waste system, will be subject to monitoring and audit of both process and quality.