

Waste Management Policy

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‘We are committed to becoming a more resource efficient organisation’

NHS Lothian Waste Management Plan 2017 - 2020

...to ensure that this policy achieves its objectives with particular regard to national waste reduction targets, climate change legislation and our NHS Sustainable Development Action Plan.

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Our Domestic Waste Target



Year	Domestic Waste Reduction Target	Maximum allowance for domestic waste (Tonnes)
2012/13	Baseline	3205.12
2017/18	4%	3076.92
2020/21	7%	2980.76
2022/23	13%	2788.45
2024/25	15%	2724.35

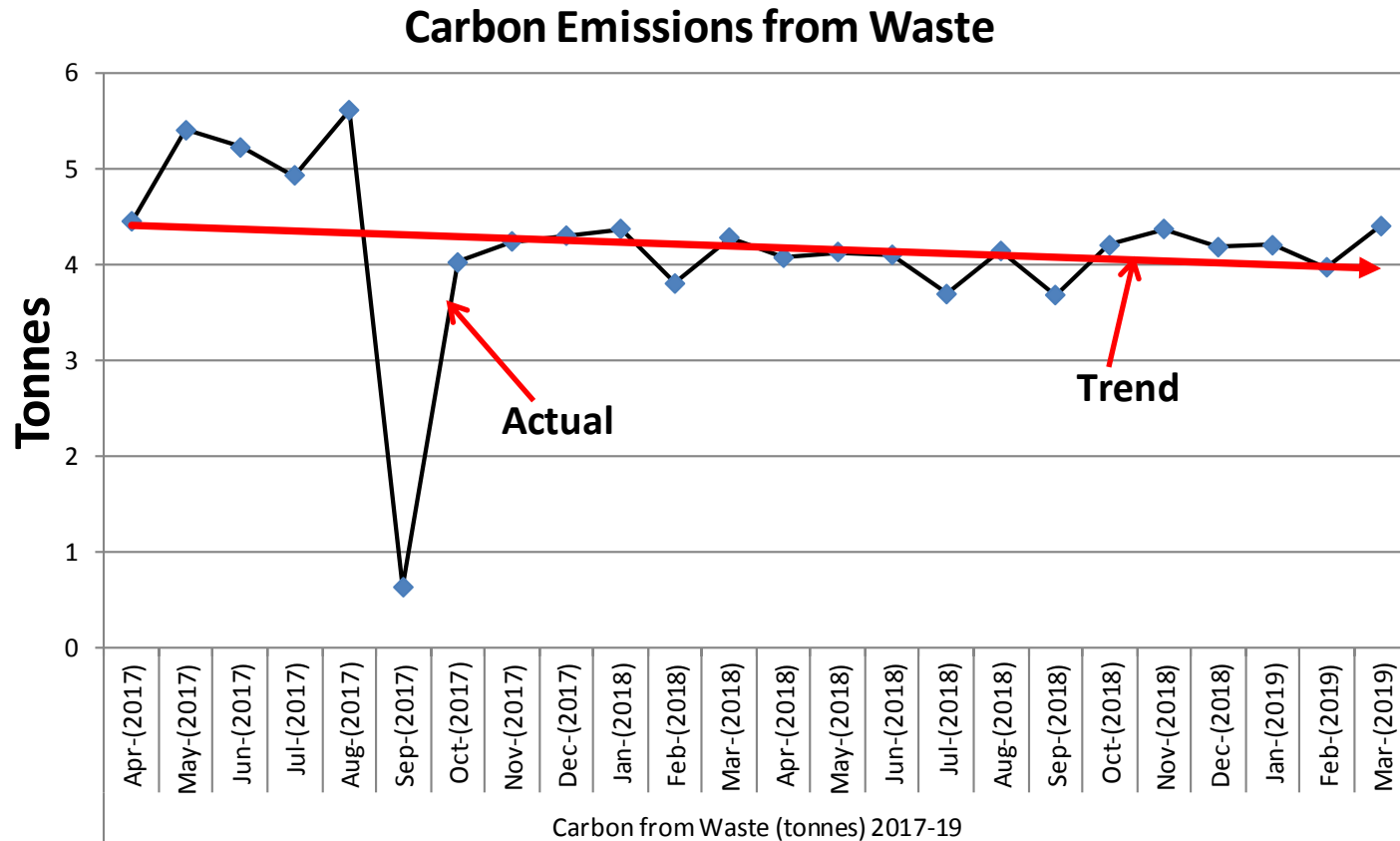
← Our total waste target for 2020-21 (tonnes)

Residual (tonnes)	Mixed Recycling (tonnes)	Total (tonnes)
2171	525	2696

← How we did last year

‘Avoiding sending waste to landfill helps to reduce [] climate change. Preventing waste being produced in the first instance has an additional environmental advantage in minimising the physical resources used within production, the energy and natural resources used in the manufacturing process.’

Carbon from Waste



Could Do Better!

Recycling: What Can You Do To Help



- Keep food waste separate from recycling – even small quantities spoil the whole bag
- Check what is suitable for recycling
- Encourage your whole team to recycle waste
- Avoid single use 'disposable' products e.g. plastic cups if you can.

**Facilities can help,
Contact us, call 35883.**

Clinical Waste: Do's and Don'ts



Do

- Seal all clinical waste properly using location tag
- Label all clinical waste bins and sharps boxes properly
- Ensure there are sufficient domestic waste bins available
- Use blue lidded boxes for waste medicines
- Seek advice if you're unsure

Don't

- Don't put non clinical items in orange or yellow waste
- Don't put loose sharps into bags
- Don't forget to label the waste
- Don't mix yellow and orange waste
- Don't forget to 'gel' body fluids where possible