

## Supplementary Information

### A Pilot Study into the Use of Qualitative Methods to Improve the Awareness of Barriers to Sustainable Medical Waste Segregation within the United Kingdom's National Health Service

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**S1:** PowerPoint slides used for the four questions asked during the focus group.

Q1) What questions do you ask yourself when deciding whether a device is infectious or not and therefore which bin it will enter?

NHS SOP Waste Segregation Guide					
Colour Code					
Waste Type	Infectious Healthcare / Sharps	Known infectious Waste	Offensive Waste	Domestic Waste	Recyclable Waste
General Description	Incineration	Incineration or alternative treatment	Landfill or low-heat incineration	Landfill	Recycled

Q2) Are there situations where you are unsure whether waste is infectious or not and so erred on the side of caution and placed it in the infectious waste stream?

Q3) What barriers do you face when identifying if something is recyclable?



Q4) What method is best to communicate information\* and training on correct waste segregation which requires minimal distraction to your primary job role?

(\*types of plastics that are recyclable, situations which makes a device infectious etc.)

e.g., Briefings, Workshops, Posters, Brochures, Face to face, Other:

**S2:** Images used during the ice-breaker questions asked during the focus group.

Which coloured bin would you put these?

a) Blue face mask



b) Packaging



c) Used bandage



Patient contact? Non-patient contact? Infectious patient? What bins are available? What is it made of? Etc...