

Standard Operational Procedure

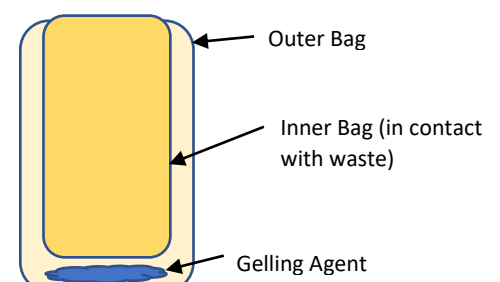


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This applies to any material involved in the treatment of a patient with a known or suspected high-consequence infectious disease such as; Monkeypox, Lassa Fever and Ebola (for the full list see here [High consequence infectious diseases \(HCID\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/high-consequence-infectious-diseases-hcid)). There are different legal requirements for the handling of this type of waste, due to the security risk and potential to cause harm.

1.0 Transportation and bagging of Category A infectious waste:

- If you are transferring a patient to hospital with a known or suspected high consequence infectious disease, you must return all waste items to your nearest hub site, **do not** leave them at the hospital. The vehicle must remain locked and/or supervised while you have the infectious waste on board. Where possible avoid stopping on your journey.
- The hubs equipped to manage Category A infectious waste are: Basildon SS14 1EH, Bury IP33 3JX, Cambridge CB2 2QP, Chelmsford CM1 7FJ, Colchester CO3 9AG, Harlow CM20 1QP, Hemel HP2 5HA, Ipswich IP4 5PG, Kempston MK42 8AA, Kings Lynn PE30 4EU, Luton LU1 1XL, Norwich NR5 0JT, Peterborough PE1 5UA, Huntingdon PE29 6NT, Southend SS2 6UN, Stevenage SG1 2EQ, Watford WD24 4PR, Waveney NR31 7RQ.
- Once you have arrived at one of these sites to decontaminate you must transfer the waste material into a yellow bag. If you have already bagged it in the orange clinical waste bags, place the whole bag inside a yellow bag.
- A second yellow bag should be lined with gelling agent, Vernagel, to prevent leaks, and then the yellow bag containing the waste, placed inside. This needs to be closed using the swan-neck method and sealed with a yellow seal or cable tie.



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- If you have used sharps in the treatment of the patient, place the sharps box inside a yellow bag, lined with gelling agent, and seal with the same method as above.

2.0 Disposal of Category A infectious waste

- The sealed yellow bag/s should then be labelled with a Station ID label (example given), including the date. At each of the 18 hub sites there will be yellow 60l bins, for the disposal of category A waste. Please line the bottom of the bin with a sachet of gelling agent and place the bag/s inside.

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- The label on the outside of the bin needs to be completed, including the date of starting and closing. The bin/s should then be sealed using the self-adhesive closure and wiped with clinell wipes before being stored in a locked area with the clinical waste bins. It is vital that this area cannot be accessed by members of the public at any time.
- The local manager should contact estateswaste@eastamb.nhs.uk to arrange collection of the Category A waste immediately. You will be informed when the collection will be made, usually within 48 hours, and who will be making the collection.
- When the driver arrives, they should be clearly identifiable in a Sharpsmart vehicle, with a Trust ID badge. Please verify their identity against the expected name given by Estates. If they cannot provide the proper identification, do not allow them to take the waste and contact the Estates team immediately.
- Once their identity has been verified, the driver should be shown to the infectious waste by the local manager and observed removing the entire 60l container/s before issuing a consignment note. This paperwork should be scanned to estateswaste@eastamb.nhs.uk and replacement 60l bins ordered through Supplies.

