

Arrangements should be made to routinely transport waste from ward level, treatment room or department to a storage area pending collection by a waste contractor."

The guidance also provides guidance on the specification of bulk waste storage areas, used for the holding of waste receptacles prior to their collection by waste contractors. It recommends that such storage areas should be:

- a. reserved for healthcare waste only; ✓
- b. well-lit and ventilated; 2 windows (fixed shut), extract ventilation to central disposal;
- c. close to any on-site incineration or other disposal facility;
- d. sited away from food preparation and general storage areas, and from routes used by the public; ✓
- e. totally enclosed and secure; ✓
- f. provided with separate storage for sharps receptacles, anatomical and waste medicines, which may need a higher degree of security to prevent unauthorised access; Access control?
- g. sited on a well-drained, impervious hardstanding; ✓
- h. readily accessible but only to authorised people; Access control?
- i. kept locked when not in use;
- j. secure from entry by animals and free from insect or rodent infestations; ✓
- k. provided with wash-down facilities; Not provided; ✓
- l. provided with washing facilities for employees; Not provided.
- m. clearly marked with warning signs;
- n. provided with separate, clearly-labelled areas for waste that requires, rather than is destined for, different treatment/disposal options;
- o. provided with access to first-aid facilities; Not clear if this has been provided.
- p. appropriately drained to a sewer (with discharge consent).

"All bulk stores should have storage capacity to match the proposed frequency of collection. Bank (or other) holidays need to be taken into account and a margin provided for any interruption in the disposal system."

The above summary from HTM07-01 brings together the requirements of several pieces of legislation and is regulated by the Health and Safety Executive, Department for Transport and the Environment Agency.

Other relevant legislation pertaining to the classification, segregation, storage and carriage of waste.

- The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005, as amended.
- The Landfill Directive 1999.
- Controlled Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2012, as amended.
- The Environmental Protection Act 1990, as amended – in particular Section 34.
- The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (as amended).
- The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974.
- The Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations 2013.
- Control of Substances Hazardous to health Regulations 2002, as amended.
- The Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013, as amended.
- The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) 2016.