

Waste Management - Quarterly Audit

Waste is managed safely and in accordance with legislation so as to minimise the risk of infection or injury to residents, staff and the public

Care home:		Date:		Name of Auditor:			
Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment		
1	Are waste bags capable of being securely tied?	Check bags are no more than two thirds full.					
2	Are separate waste streams available in accordance with local guidance? (12, 23)	Check that different coloured bags are available e.g. for offensive and					
3	Are infectious/healthcare risk waste bags labelled before storage and disposal? (12)	Observe practice or ask a member of staff to describe procedure.					
4	Are offensive waste bags labelled before storage and disposal? (23)	Observe practice or ask a member of staff to describe procedure.					
5	Is infectious/healthcare risk waste stored separately to domestic waste in a secure designated storage facility/area? (12, 23)	Check waste is stored separately and the area is locked.					
6	Is offensive waste stored separately to domestic waste in a secure designated storage facility/area? (23)	Check waste is stored separately and the area is locked.					
7	Is infectious/healthcare risk waste removed by a registered contractor with a valid licence? (12, 23)	Ask to see written evidence.					
8	Is offensive waste removed by a registered contractor with a valid licence? (23)	Ask to see written evidence.					
9	Are outside waste containers or storage/waste compound areas secure? (12)	Check the door is locked if compound if large bin only check lid is locked and the bin is securely fastened e.g. to the wall.					
10	Are outside waste containers or storage/waste compound areas kept clean and tidy and without evidence of vermin and/or inappropriate/extraneous items? (12)	Check there are no items on the floor and behind the bin/s.					