

## DGN Clinical Waste

Clinical waste is any waste which consists wholly or partly of:

- human or animal tissue;
- blood or other body fluids;
- excretions;
- drugs or other pharmaceutical products other than controlled or cytotoxic drugs;
- swabs or dressings;
- syringes, needles or other sharp instruments;

which unless rendered safe may prove hazardous to any person coming into contact with it. It also includes any other waste arising from medical, nursing, dental, veterinary, pharmaceutical or similar practice, investigation, treatment, care, teaching or research, or the collection of blood for transfusion, being waste which may cause infection to any person coming into contact with it.

Schools or units have their own individual contracts for the collection of clinical waste. Contact your Technical Services Manager or Supervisor for details of collection in your area. Alternatively, contact the Health, Safety & Environment Office: [safety@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:safety@sussex.ac.uk)