

# Swansea University

## Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN28:

- **Other Medicine Wastes (excluding cytotoxic & cytostatic drugs)**

(Blue lidded clinical waste box)

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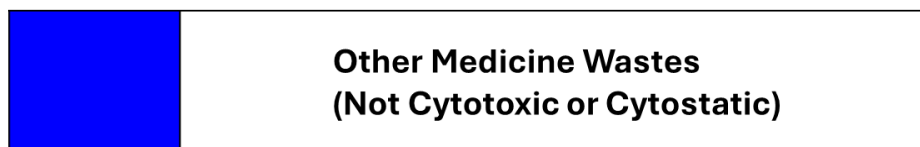
Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN28 Other Medicine Wastes; Not Cytotoxic or Cytostatic	
Location Generated	Laboratory or clinic
EWC	18 01 09 / 18 02 08
Type	Waste Category Controlled – Non-hazardous waste
Disposal Method	Segregated for incineration
Bin/Bag Type	<b>Blue topped yellow ridged clinical box</b> 7ltr, 11ltr, 24ltr

## Duty of Care Requirements

EWC 18 01 09 “Medicines other than those mentioned in 18 01 08” (Non-hazardous)  
EWC 18 02 08 “Medicines other than those mentioned in 18 02 07” (Non-hazardous)

**Description;** Clinical waste medicines (not cytotoxic and cytostatic) from human or animal healthcare, for incineration only.

It is a legal requirement under the Hazardous Waste Regulations to segregate hazardous wastes from non-hazardous waste and to ensure all wastes are correctly classified. Incorrectly disposing of hazardous waste via a non-hazardous waste stream can lead to legal and financial penalties dependent upon the severity of the noncompliance. The Department of Health Technical Memorandum 07-01: Safe Management of Healthcare Waste<sup>1</sup>, provides comprehensive guidance on the disposal of healthcare waste in line with industry standards, and legal requirements, and outlines the nationally recognised colour coded system for healthcare/clinical wastes.



**Figure 1 – Description**

### Items:

Non-cytotoxic/cytostatic waste medicines e.g. medicines that have been used in the treatment of patients such as unused, or part used, or out of date;

- Tablets
- Creams
- Liquid dose medicines
- Medicine patches
- Test kits
- Placebos

<sup>1</sup> [Department of Health Technical Memorandum 07-01: Safe Management of Healthcare Waste](#)

## Disposal Instructions

### Internal Storage

All waste medicines outlined must be placed into a 7ltr, 11ltr, or 24ltr **blue lidded**, clinical waste box.



Figure 2 - Blue-topped yellow ridged bin

**Blue lid bins must not contain sharps.**

Blue lid bins can be obtained and signed out from the following locations;

#### **Singleton Campus**

- FMHLS: ILS1 Stores

For any other Faculty or PSU email [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk)

### External Storage/ Disposal

For disposal ensure the lid is sealed for transport. Full bins must be taken back to the following locations;

#### **Singleton Campus**

- FMHLS: ILS1 Stores

### **Disposal Cost**

There is a charge for this service, contact [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk) for further information

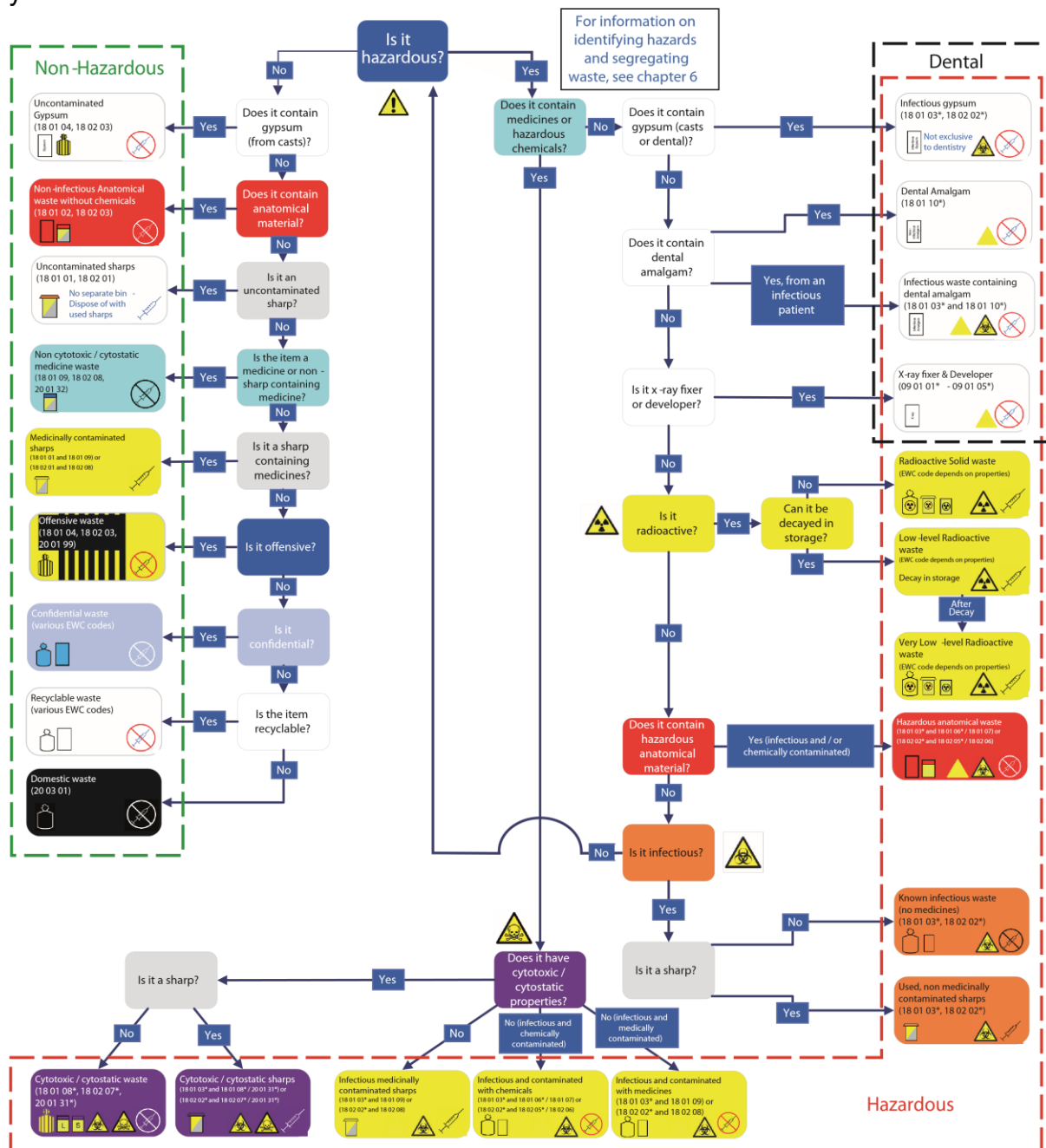
**For further guidance please contact** [estates-Waste@Swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-Waste@Swansea.ac.uk)

### **Forms and Labelling**

All relevant forms, labels and further waste guidance can be found [here](#)

## Appendix 1: Waste Segregation & Classification Diagram<sup>2</sup>

Use the following flow diagram to ensure you are utilising the correct colour bin for your waste



**NB:** Whilst this guidance applies specifically to waste from clinical and healthcare settings, it may also be used to inform waste practices in other laboratory environments. However, please refer to the relevant Waste Management Guidance Notes ([WMGN](#)) for other hazardous & non-hazardous wastes.

<sup>2</sup> Health Technical Memorandum 07-01: Appendix 3