

# **SHEFFIELD LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE**

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## **FUNDING OF TRADE/COMMERCIAL WASTE**

A number of practices have contacted the LMC office with regard to a letter received from Karen Curran, Head of Primary Care, South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw (SY&B) Area Team (dated 21 June 2013) with regard to trade/commercial waste.

The letter notes that NHS England is not mandated to fund trade waste and, therefore, practices have been given formal notice that reimbursement will cease with effect from 1 April 2014.

Practices will continue to be reimbursed in relation to clinical waste.

Having reviewed the relevant regulations, it is clear that the Premises Directions 2004 included clinical waste but not trade waste. Sheffield GP practices have benefited from the fact that since 2004 trade and clinical waste have been negotiated under a single contract.

Practices may wish to negotiate contracts with different companies or look at bulk buying options and, in order to adequately plan for this change, practices will need to be aware of how much their current contract is worth. The LMC has requested that the Area Team gives urgent consideration to how best to supply this information to practices in a timely fashion.

We will continue to keep practices informed of developments.