

Sharps Disposable Container

Any service issuing a prescription involving an injection must also issue a sharps disposable container. This is also called a 'sharps bin'

User Guide:



DO

- ✓ Make sure the details in the white box on the sharps bin are filled in
- ✓ Only put the injection or needle in the sharps bin
- ✓ Ensure the needle is pointing down and away from yourself and anyone else
- ✓ Put any unused injections in the sharps bin
- ✓ Always use the sharps bin – NOT a household bin
- ✓ Ask for another sharps bin before you need a replacement
- ✓ Stop using the sharps bin when you reach the line
- ✓ Always seal the sharps bin by pushing/sliding the lid firmly down when full/no longer needed
- ✓ Return the sharps bin for safe disposal to the service that provided it (see below)

Safe return and disposal of sharps bin:

Patients discharged from the Royal Bolton Hospital:

Return to the Royal Bolton Hospital Pharmacy Department.

Patients under the care of a Royal Bolton Hospital Foundation Trust specialist service:

Return to the clinic where they were issued.

Patients prescribed sharps bins by their GP Practice:

Return their sharps bin to their GP practice for safe disposal.

Patients under the care of a Community Nursing team:

Return to the Community Nursing team for safe disposal.

If you see sharps in a public place in Bolton, please report them on:
0800 731 9835

