Would you find the item at home?

Is it paper, cardboard or plastic, and clean from contamination? (Please rinse if food contaminated)

Is the item sharp?

Is the item contaminated with a bodily fluid you would not be exposed to in your own home on a daily basis? eg blood, pus

Does the item contain a pharmaceutical drug?

Is the pharmaceutical drug cytotoxic or cytostatic eg cancer or hormone therapy?

Is the patient isolated due to infection risk?

Which waste bin?

Recycling £114

Domestic £142

Clinical £475

Offensive waste £241

Sharps box

Yellow lid

Cytotoxic or cytostatic waste

Purple lid

Medication waste

Blue lid

Offensive waste

*Average cost per tonne

If your trust doesn’t have a specific waste stream use the next most appropriate option