**Theatre Recycling Preliminary Report**

**Introduction**

Prior to the introduction of the PVC recycling in the \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* department at the \*\*\*\*\*\*\* Hospital an audit of the existing waste management in theatres was undertaken \*\*\*insert dates that baseline audit performed \*\*\*\*. Forms were given to all theatre and recovery areas to complete. These results cover Theatres\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* (please state whether any theatres were omitted and whether anaesthetic room waste was/was not included. Ideally all anaesthetic room waste should be included). \*\*\* insert any factors here which may led to under/over estimation of average waste production i.e. during holiday period, some theatres down due to bed pressures etc.\*\*\*

**Results**

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| Bag Type | No. bags/week | % waste | No. bags/year | Cost/year |
| Orange @£0.78/bag |  |  | 26260 | £ |
| Black @£0.28/bag |  |  | 14820 | £ |
| Recycling @0.07/bag |  |  | 2028 | £ |

The question then becomes how much of the above waste currently discarded in orange bags can be disposed of in black bags or recycled and what are the current barriers preventing staff from doing so?

~% of items in orange bags can be recycled.\*\* this figure is based on the review of a random number of orange bags disposed of during the data collection period and whether waste is being disposed of in the appropriate bags\*\*\*