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LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEES

National Framework Agreement for Clinical Waste Services for GPs and Pharmacies

You will be aware that NHS England has launched a new national framework agreement for the collection and disposal of clinical waste from GP surgeries and unwanted medicines from pharmacies. Following a procurement process, 5 suppliers have been placed on the framework for the Midlands & East Region and the process for these suppliers to 'bid' for contracts in the West Midlands has now begun.

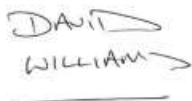
This new approach will deliver a number of benefits including improved quality standards, consistency, better management of contracts and value for money. You can read more about this Framework Agreement on our website: www.england.nhs.uk/clinicalwaste

There will be a total of 8 contracts across the West Midlands; one for GP surgeries and one for pharmacies in each of the 4 STP footprint areas. The new suppliers will be commencing services to GP surgeries in your area on 14th November 2016.

The only changes we expect for GP surgeries may be a change of supplier and perhaps some changes to the routine activity within the contracts, for example collection days. These will be communicated to GP surgeries in advance of any changes. We also expect suppliers to visit GP surgeries before the new contract starts to ensure they have all the information they need and that local requirements are met.

We will be writing to inform all GP surgeries of these changes and I would like to reassure you that a key priority will be to ensure a smooth transition to the new arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'DAVID WILLIAMS' with a horizontal line underneath.

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