

Communications from Abbott, 4th July 2018

Update on FreeStyle Libre® clinical waste disposal information.

For the purposes of implementation across London, the advice sent previously applies, that is:

Sensors

These should be placed in sharps bins. Most people with diabetes will already have a collection service established with their local authority for these.

Sensor applicators

The clear lid should be screwed back onto the applicator, which should then be placed in a yellow biohazard/ clinical waste bag. Most London local authorities will collect the bags and replace with new ones. This service can be arranged by the patient contacting their local authority. They may need a referral from their GP or specialist team, depending on the LA policy.

Abbott are able to provide biohazard/clinical waste bags to specialist centres who are initiating patients on FreeStyle Libre, for initial sensors and, if the patient's local authority does not provide them, for subsequent sensors. Centres can request the bags from the local Abbott Territory Manager.

Sensor pack

These should be placed in general household waste.