

Absorbent Hygiene Products (AHP) Waste Collection Service Plan

Service Plan Requirements

To support the affordability of providing source segregated AHP waste collection services, the Welsh Government is proposing to make available capital funding to off-set local authority costs.

In order to accommodate flexibility with existing services, as well as the design of new services, across all local authorities, the capital grant allocation will be based on individual authority service plans.

The capital grant must be spent in 2019/20 and will be payable on satisfactory evidence of expenditure (either on AHP or non-AHP related items) up to the amount allocated.

To calculate the grant allocation for each authority based on its service need, please complete:

- the summary requirement table in Section 1;
- the service detail in Section 2; and
- expenditure plans for non-AHP related capital items (if applicable) in Section 3.

Section 1: Summary Requirements

Please provide the number of items and the associated capital cost for the AHP waste collection service committed to be in place by 1 April 2021.

Local Authority Name	City and County of Swansea	
Item required	Number	£ Capital
7.5 tonne vehicle (£50,000 per vehicle)	8No. upgrade of standard RCVs to split body RCVs	400,000
3.5 tonne vehicle (£35,000 per vehicle)		
Containers (£7 per caddy, maximum of 20% of households) *	21,630	151,410
Depot changes (£52,000 per depot)	New roofed bay, and 2no. skips	52,000
Total capital required	N/A	603,410

* Note: For purposes of calculating the cost allocated to containers, it is proposed that the Stats Wales (2017) local authority household data table is used in Appendix 1.

Section 2: Service Detail

Service plan	Response	Additional comments
Service commencement date		
<p>Please state the date that separate collection service will commence.</p> <p>Please state “existing” if service already in place.</p> <p>(to be eligible for this grant new services must commence by 1 April 2021)</p>	<p>At present there is a limited existing scheme in operation and this will be expanded County wide by 1 April 2021</p>	
Collection frequency		
<p>Please state the collection service frequency.</p> <p>(collections must be at least fortnightly i.e. the timeframe between collections must not exceed two weeks)</p>	<p>Fortnightly (apart from limited existing weekly Tiger bag collections)</p>	
<p>Please state how the AHP collection service will coincide with the residual waste collection service.</p> <p>(Ideally AHP and residual waste collections should be undertaken on the same day where both are fortnightly)</p>	<p>AHP and residual waste are/will be collected on the same day</p>	
Eligibility for service provision		
<p>Please confirm that there will be no barriers to collection service sign-up. (a collection service will need to be provided to any household with a permanent resident (child or adult) using AHPs)</p>	<p>The collection service will be available to any household with a permanent resident (child or adult) using AHPs</p>	
<p>Please confirm whether the service will collect materials from sources other than households and provide specific details.</p>	<p>The existing service also collects a small amount from nursing/residential homes</p>	
Material acceptance		
<p>Please state whether the collection will accept any non-AHP waste (e.g. stoma bags, gloves, aprons), and if so provide details.</p>	<p>The adult AHP does currently contain some plastic tubes and bags etc. although this will need to be discussed with any new processor. There is no clinical waste collected.</p>	

Please provide details of how contamination of collected AHP waste will be monitored and managed.	Through the provision of information literature and monitored by collection crews. Any concerns raised to be dealt with through individual contact with residents.	
Service promotion		
Please specify how the service will be promoted.	Communication strategy	
Interim treatment		
Please state the intended treatment destination of collected AHP waste prior to the procurement of a national treatment contract (i.e. existing operator or EfW).	We currently use an existing operator, although EfW may also be needed as an interim measure if appropriate. Eg if processing capacity becomes an issue	
Capital expenditure		
Please confirm if the grant allocation will be spent fully on AHP-related capital items in 2019/20.	All grant allocation will be fully committed by end of 2019/20	
Vehicles		
Please state the number and type of vehicles that will be used for the collection of AHP waste.	8no. 26tonne split bodied RCVs (includes 2no. spares)	
Containers		
Please confirm if the service will use caddies.	The existing limited service uses bags, although caddies will be trialled through this initiative	
Appendix 1 provides a list of the number of households per local authority. If this requires updating, please provide an alternative figure and details of the relevant official source.		
Depot infrastructure		
Please confirm whether any depot changes would be needed to accept, store or handle AHP waste and provide details (e.g. location, required changes). (maximum contribution £52,000 per depot)	Yes work will be required at the Council's Baling Plant Depot in Llansamlet to enable the safe receipt storage and handling of the AHP collected. The works would consist of the creation of a new weatherproof bay using alpha blocks and a roof, and 2 new skips for transfer.	
If changes are required to depots, please provide details of when these changes would be completed.	All changes would be completed before April 2021.	

Section 3: Details of Proposed Expenditure in 2019/20

Capital expenditure	Response
Non-AHP related expenditure	
<p>If the capital grant will not be used fully for AHP related vehicles and/or containers and/or depot changes in 2019/20, please provide details of proposed expenditure.</p> <p>(expenditure details must evidence how the grant will contribute towards higher recycling targets and/or zero waste aspirations)</p>	<p>All the capital grant will be fully used for AHP related items, committed, and orders placed by the end of March 2020, although delivery of items such as vehicles and containers may well be made during 2020/21, but before the full scheme commencement of 1 April 2021. The only potential exception would be containers which could be used for food waste, in advance of the AHP full implementation by April 2021. Any containers used for food waste will encourage the recycling of food, contributing towards higher recycling targets and zero waste aspirations.</p> <p>Implementing a County wide collection of AHP's could result in a significant tonnage of waste being diverted from the residual stream. This could have a beneficial impact on the recycling rate being achieved (depending on the availability and recycling rate of any re-processor).</p> <p>Removing AHP from the residual waste stream could also enable the Council to review the frequency of residual waste collections in the future, helping drive the zero waste aspirations.</p>

Appendix 1: Number of households for local authorities in Wales

Wales	1,349,911
Isle of Anglesey	31,038
Gwynedd	54,010
Conwy	52,521
Denbighshire	41,495
Flintshire	65,924
Wrexham	58,327
Powys	59,473
Ceredigion	31,102
Pembrokeshire	55,264
Carmarthenshire	80,931
Swansea	108,152
Neath Port Talbot	61,695
Bridgend	61,484
Vale of Glamorgan	56,435
Rhondda Cynon Taf	104,032
Merthyr Tydfil	24,780
Caerphilly	76,400
Blaenau Gwent	30,969
Torfaen	39,586
Monmouthshire	39,809
Newport	64,292
Cardiff	152,192

Stats Wales (2017 data)

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Housing/Households/Estimates/households-by-localauthority-year>