

# Save on waste disposal costs and minimise harmful exposure

The EHPL Group, which includes established NHS suppliers Environmental Hygiene Products and the Recycling Bin Company is launching a new consultancy division, Healthcare Environment Consultants.

Healthcare Environment Consultants (HEC) has been formed as an environmental audit organisation specialising on working within the healthcare sector. The development has arisen from an increasing amount of hospital waste advisory work that the group has undertaken in its role as an approved supplier to the NHS. The primary focus of the new organisation is to assist those running healthcare premises to improve the environment for patients, staff and visitors.

Gary Campbell, the group's managing director, explained: "Initially, Healthcare Environment Consultants will focus on effective waste management which when properly conducted, can lead to considerable savings in waste disposal costs, as well as helping minimise potentially harmful exposure for those working and using healthcare

services. However, through our established in-house expertise, we can also offer advice on infection control issues and other environmental factors."

The consultancy division will be headed up by Roy Jones, founder of Environmental Hygiene Products, and Bill Houston, one of the UK's foremost infection control and waste management experts. Roy Jones brings over 25 years experience of dealing with waste management matters within the healthcare sector. Bill Houston, who was until recently based at King's College Hospital in London, has worked with the MoD, the NHS and the Health Protection Agency on environment issues within healthcare premises across the world.

Bill, who also has fulfilled a regular commitment as a senior lecturer in infection control at King's, and Guys and St Thomas's Medical School London, said: "We intend to establish a close working

relationship with healthcare staff to ensure that within their own work environment they are initially dealing with waste in the most economical and safe manner.

"From the initial consultation, through to the subsequent staff training, Healthcare Environment Consultants will be on hand throughout to ensure that appropriate measures are implemented as required. Furthermore, additional environmental issues such as infection control can be added to the process if needed."

Gary Campbell, a chartered accountant and member of the Chartered Institute of Waste Management, added: "Healthcare Environment Consultants is not a waste disposal company looking to collect waste from hospitals on a commercial basis but we can work with your waste contractor to minimise costs within the relevant contracts. Overall, our aim is to find ways to reduce costs whilst maintaining the

strict guidelines set down in the UK Government's Health Technical Memorandum (HTM) 07-01 and other related legislation.

"In working with the NHS, we've realised that by implementing appropriate procedures, money can be saved whilst at the same time enhancing the quality of the patient and staff environment."

Healthcare Environment Consultants, which offers national coverage through a network of experienced consultants, can also offer any required follow up programmes including ongoing staff training where appropriate.

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Bill Houston (left) and Roy Jones

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