

Introduction

#HelloMyNameIs Mathys Koa and for the past week I've been working in this hospital with my mentor Abraham for sustainability and waste, and in this department we've tried and hopefully will succeed in trying to raise awareness for the fact that cross contamination is costing us a lot



In my time in the hospital I've been working with my mentor Abraham Oke & the other BMAT students in the Quality First team. Our goal is to make posters advertising the problems we have in the hospitals that we feel should be fixed.

Abraham does work in estates and facilities and is in charge of the sustainability and waste team. He has taught me how much it helps (for everyone) when you just put the right bags in their corresponding bins these figures help to really show the drastic difference & the amount we spend and how much we must spend. (data in next slide)

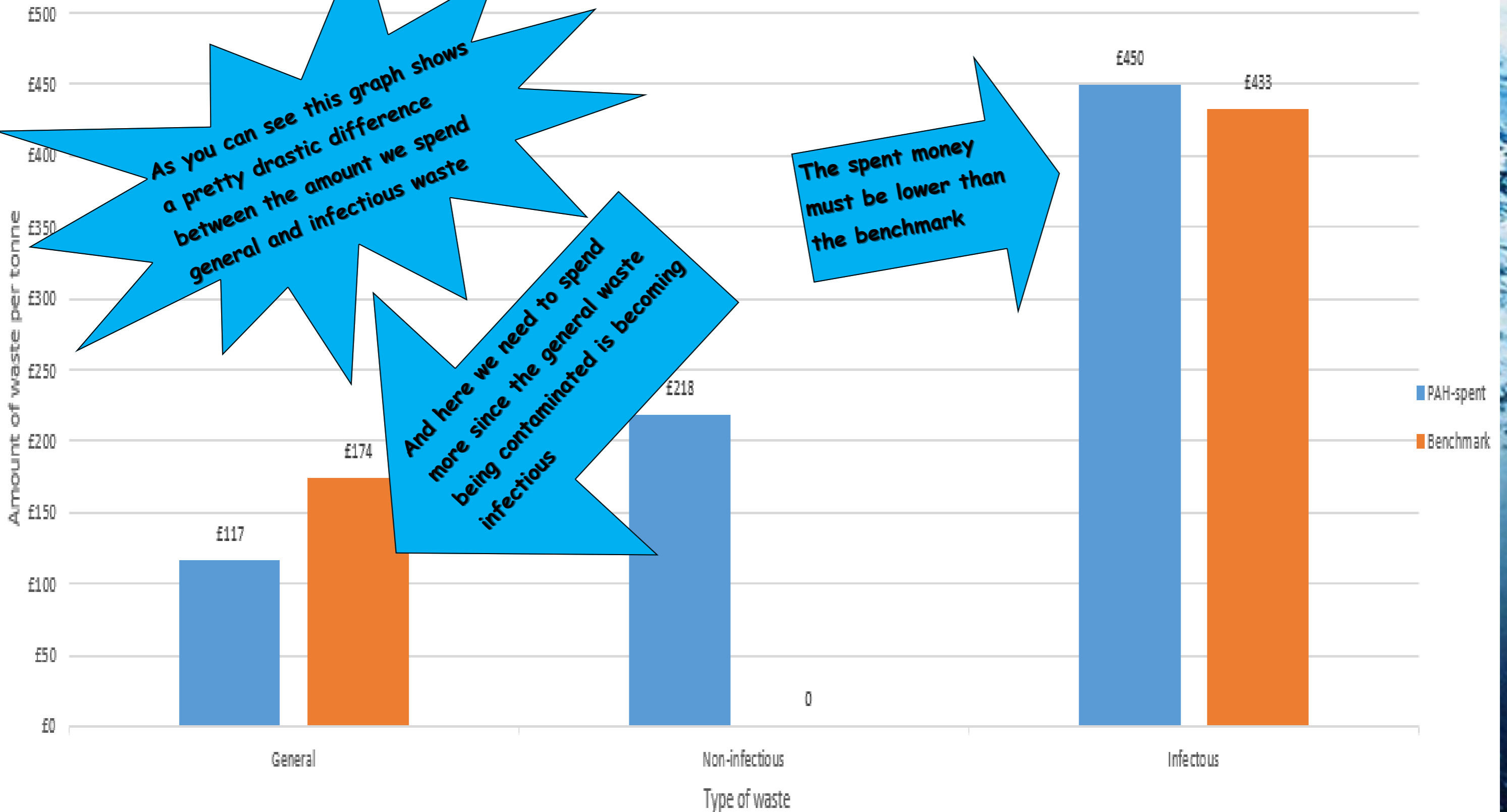
Opportunities to improve

During my week me and Abraham have seen some problems with the waste disposal and that cross contamination is becoming a problem and that we are also wasting a lot of money on it seeing that in the graph we would waste approximately £300 just by placing one contaminated bag in general waste so we made posters and placed them around the hospital above bins to make ensure that the people who are taking them out will see the posters that we've put up so that they know what bags go where.

What have you learnt from this placement?

- In my placement I've learned about how much you can change the environment by just changing which bins you dispose your bags in
- I've also spend some time in engineering compliance so I also learned about the usage of the machines in the hospital.
- Additionally I learned about ERIC, (Estates Return Information Collection) this is used to show the average amount of money that the hospitals in our trust spend, and it helps to show the benchmark that our money spent should be at, therefore if we meet the benchmark in a certain section we spend on another hospital in the trust can ask for help from us

Waste cost chart



As you can see this graph shows a pretty drastic difference between the amount we spend general and infectious waste

And here we need to spend more since the general waste being contaminated is becoming infectious

The spent money must be lower than the benchmark