



# Waste Benchmarks

Irish Acute and Community Care Facilities



## Acute Hospital (kg generated per patient bed day\*)

Total waste	7.7 kg
Total non-risk waste	5.8 kg
Healthcare risk waste	1.9 kg
Food waste	0.7 kg
Mixed recyclables	0.9 kg
General landfill waste	4.2 kg

## Community Care (kg generated per patient bed day\*)

Total waste	3.7 kg
Total non-risk waste	3.5 kg
Healthcare risk waste	0.2 kg
Food waste	0.77 kg
Mixed recyclables	0.5 kg
General landfill waste	2.2 kg

\*A patient bed day is a day during which a person is confined to a bed and stays overnight in hospital.



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