



## Improving together

# Bio-bins® a simple, cost effective, green switch

The team in the White Horse Birth Centre are embracing a more environmentally friendly way of disposing of non-sharp clinical waste.

In their regular Improving Together huddles the team discuss changes which could improve their working lives, the experience of the women they care for and the environment.

Up to eight placentas are disposed of in the White Horse Birth Centre each week.

Plastic buckets used to hold the placentas, have been replaced with new Bio-bins® crafted from 96 per cent paper and able to hold more placentas per bin.

Advocated by NHS England's Greener NHS National Programme, Bio-bins® were discussed at the team's Improving Together huddles where they agreed to trial the bins before they became a permanent fixture.

The bins arrive flat-packed saving space in stores, and they weigh just grams, making them the perfect solution for community midwives supporting home births.

The switch is reducing the team's environmental footprint, with an estimated 1,300kg reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.

This eco-friendly solution has also contributed to a small financial saving.

The team hope that other areas of the hospital will also consider Bio-bins®.