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## **Title: Waste and Recycling – Noise Assessments**

Ref: EFOI 13525

### **Question 1**

Which method for collecting recycling glass do you complete? (kerbside or co-mingled for example)

### **Question 2**

- I. Have you completed any noise assessments for refuse recycling collection services?
- II. If yes, have these been completed for exposure to the workforce or for environmental noise?

### **Question 3**

If you have completed noise assessments for noise exposure to the workforce of recycling refuse collections, can you please provide the information with exposure levels? (Sound level readings, dosimeter readings or noise assessment reports)

### **Question 4**

If you have not completed noise assessments for recycling refuse collection services, can you provide the rationale for not completing these? (Working environmental noise or other hazards)

### **Question 5**

- I. Do you consider any existing noise induced hearing loss when recruiting a new employee as a recycling refuse loader?
- II. Or, when contracting agency staff, as refuse loaders?

### **Question 6**

- I. Do you provide recycling refuse collection loaders with any personal hearing protection?

II. If yes, what type?  
 If No, the rationale for not? (may be similar to question 4 response)

**Response by Eastbourne Borough Council**

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| <b>Question 1</b>  |  |
| Which method for collecting recycling glass do you complete? (kerbside or co-mingled for example)  | Kerbside   |
| <b>Question 2</b>  |  |
| Have you completed any noise assessments for refuse recycling collection services?   | No records of having done so   |
| If yes, have these been completed for exposure to the workforce or for environmental noise?  | N/a  |
| <b>Question 3</b>  |  |
| If you have completed noise assessments for noise exposure to the workforce of recycling refuse collections, can you please provide the information with exposure levels? (Sound level readings, dosimeter readings or noise assessment reports) | Using the WISH Guidance our collections are at the lower values, Risk Assessments have been completed and ear defenders are offered to operatives.<br>1 – The lower exposure values are –<br>a- A daily or weekly personal noise exposure of 80dB (A weighted) and<br>b- A peak sound pressure of 135dB (C-weighted) |
| <b>Question 4</b>  |  |
| If you have not completed noise assessments for recycling refuse collection services, can you provide the rationale for not completing these? (Working environmental noise or other hazards)   | N/A  |
| <b>Question 5</b>  |  |
| Do you consider any existing noise induced hearing loss when recruiting a new employee as a recycling refuse loader?   | This will be covered by our HR medical form  |
| Or, when contracting agency staff, as refuse loaders?  | As above   |
| <b>Question 6</b>  |  |

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| Do you provide recycling refuse collection loaders with any personal hearing protection? | Yes. Optional to use and Team Meeting Toolbox Talks on how to use them |
| If yes, what type?   | Ear defenders up to 80d  |
| If No, the rationale for not? (may be similar to question 4 response)                    | N/A  |