




Help us to Reduce Medicines Waste





Last year, wasted medicines cost NHS Fife **£2.1 million**, which could be used to fund other health services, with **28 tonnes** of unused medicines returned in Fife.









Causes of Avoidable Medicines Waste

-  Over-ordering by patients, carers and staff.
-  Current medicines being returned inappropriately.
-  Patient's own drugs not being used, transferred or sent home.

We can Make a Difference by:



-  Checking what medicines we have before ordering more
-  Using patient's own medicines when available and safe to do so
-  Ensuring medicines are transferred with the patient when they move ward
-  Asking if relatives can bring patient's medicines into hospital if they arrive without them

Campaign Messages

-  Check Before You Order
-  Only Order What You Need
-  Check Your Prescriptions Bag
-  Bring Your Medicines into Hospital and Remember to Take Them Home
-  Talk to the Pharmacy Team in your Local Pharmacy or GP Practice
-  Remember that Unused Medicines are a Safety Risk and Cannot be Recycled

Get Involved

- Contact the Medicines Waste Team

-  Do you have any questions or stories/suggestions on how you might have helped support the campaign by improving patient safety and reducing medicines waste?
-  Please let us know by contacting:
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