



Repeat Prescription?

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What You Need**

Croydon

Medicine Waste Initiative 2013

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Croydon GPs spend £43 million on medicines each year



**Only 50% of patients take their
medicines as prescribed by
the doctor**



**Medicines cannot be
recycled,
whether they have been
opened or not**

In Croydon over £500,000 worth of medicines were given back to pharmacies for destruction last year



Unused medicines returned by one patient



**It costs £30,000 to £40,000
each year in Croydon to
destroy unused medicines**



Let your GP or pharmacist know

- if you have difficulty taking your medicines
- if you have stopped taking any medicines

A collection of various pills and capsules in different colors (yellow, red, blue, white, pink, green) scattered in the top left corner.

Tell your GP if, after taking your medicine

- **you are not feeling better**

- **you are suffering side-effects**

- **you don't believe the medicine is right for you**



Questions about your medicines?

Talk to your pharmacist



Your pharmacist will be able to explain:

- what your medicine is for**
- why you need to take it**
- how to take your medicine**
- confirm it is the right medicine, if it looks different**

**Check which items you
already have several weeks
supply of, BEFORE ordering
your repeat prescription**



**If you need items at a later
date you can request them
next time you order your
medicines**



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**Return unwanted medicines
to your pharmacy for safe
disposal**



**Help us make more of your local NHS.
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