

#### Croydon

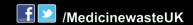
**Medicine Waste Initiative 2013** 





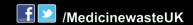


### Croydon GPs spend £43 million on medicines each year



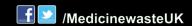


## Only 50% of patients take their medicines as prescribed by the doctor



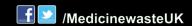


# Medicines cannot be recycled, whether they have been opened or not





## 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

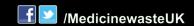


### Tell your GP if, after taking your medicine •you are not feeling better

- •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





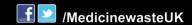
# Check which items you already have several weeks supply of, BEFORE ordering your repeat prescription







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





#### **Medicine Waste Campaign - 2013**

















**✓** Check BEFORE you order



Only order what you need



Return unwanted medicines to your pharmacy for safe disposal



Help us make more of your local NHS.

Ask your GP or pharmacist for advice.



