



**Unused medicines cost
the NHS Money -
£5 million a year in our
locality!**

**Reduce your spare
medicines at home!**

Unused medicines are a safety risk and wastes your NHS money

- Return out of date medicines to pharmacy for safe disposal
- If your medicines change return your old medicines to the pharmacy for safe disposal to avoid mixing them up with your new medicines
- Don't stockpile medication, it is a safety risk for children and others who might take them
- Store medicines in an appropriate place out of reach of children
- Even if you never open them, once medicines have left the pharmacy or dispensary they cannot be recycled or used by anyone else
- Please take your unused medicines to the pharmacy or GP dispensary for safe disposal
- Unused medication costs your local NHS £5 million every year, which could have paid for 4480 extra operations.

Sometimes patients receive medicines they don't actually use, or use only occasionally. This means that they can lose out on the intended health benefits of their prescription. And that can be a major headache in more ways than one...

Remember if you are on repeat medication, check to see what you will actually need and **ONLY ORDER WHAT YOU WILL USE IN A MONTH.**