

Returning Unwanted Medicines – Patient Information Leaflet

- **ALWAYS keep medicines out of the sight and reach of children and vulnerable adults.**
- Be aware that medicines have an expiry date. Medicines have expiry dates so you know when to use them by. After the expiry date, medicines may not be safe and may not be as effective.
- If you've had a medicine for a while, check the expiry date before using it. The expiry date will be clearly shown on the box or on the blister/strip.
- **You should NEVER take medicines after their expiry date.**
- Never throw unused or expired medicines in the rubbish bin or flush them down the toilet.
- If you have medicines that have passed their expiry date, you can call High Speed Pharmacy and we can arrange to dispose of them safely for you.
- This NHS service is available to all patients living in England. Patients or their representatives **may not** return medicines in person to the pharmacy. They must follow the procedures set out and make an appointment by calling the pharmacy.
- If you would prefer to dispose of your unwanted or expired medication in person and not have to make an appointment, you should visit any of your local pharmacies and they will be able to help you.
- During the call, we will gather the appropriate information from you and then fully explain the process for returning medication.
- Unfortunately you are **unable to return** any sharps and clinical/contaminated waste to us and you should follow local procedures for disposing of these items.
- If you ever have any questions or need further information about anything, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the pharmacist at High Speed Pharmacy. We are here to help.