

# MEDICINES WASTE

Did you know that wasted medicines costs the NHS across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby nearly **£1 million every year?**

Once medicines leave the GP practice or pharmacy, they cannot be re-used. Per year, that money could pay for:

**1,058** days of care in an Intensive Treatment Unit (ITU) for critically ill patients

**5,389** outpatient appointments with a Consultant

**1,764** days of treatment in a Special Baby Care Unit for seriously ill babies



**20,000** GP appointments

**99,700** blood tests

**20** community nurses

**16,363** hearing tests

**600,000** inhalers for asthmatics

Please help to save NHS resources. Only request medicines on prescription you really need, when you really need them.

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