

Communication - patients

RETURN YOUR USED INHALERS TO A PHARMACY TO HELP REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT



The propellants used in **some inhalers** are powerful greenhouse gases that contribute to **climate change**. Even after an inhaler is finished it still contains these environmentally damaging gases.
(Please be assured these gases are not harmful to you when you use your inhaler)

Return all used inhalers to your local pharmacy for safe disposal – Returned inhalers will be incinerated which will destroy the greenhouse gases and prevent inhaler plastics going to landfill



Don't throw used inhalers into your household waste or recycling bins! Landfill disposal of inhalers is harmful to the environment due to left over gases being released into the atmosphere. Plastics from inhalers cannot be recycled using domestic recycling schemes

Make each puff count! – Only order your inhaler when required to reduce waste

If you have concerns about the environmental impact of your inhaler, make an appointment with your GP practice - don't stop using your inhaler!



PLEASE DON'T FLUSH OLD MEDICINES

'To reduce medicine wastage PLEASE CHECK YOUR PRESCRIPTION IS CORRECT BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE PHARMACY. Medicines returned before you leave the pharmacy can be given to another patient. If medicines are taken home they have to be destroyed'