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| **20-Sep-22    'Let's Get Real' - Recycle Week 19-25 September 2022** Sent on behalf of Vasu Siva, GP Partner & Clinical Lead for Green Agenda  Dear Colleagues,  Recycle Week 2022 will be live 19-25 September! This year’s theme is ‘Let’s Get Real’. The aim is to inspire people to improve recycling by tackling “myths”, so-called ‘wishcycling’ - practice of putting something in the recycling bin in the hope that it will be recycled, even though it might be unsuitable, contaminated or only partially recyclable.  [Recycle Now](about:blank), the national Recycle Week Campaign aims to motivate more people, to recycle more of the right things, more often. Together, we help make a better world for future generations. This week, our focus is on one of the ‘Bucket’ list items on the ES Green initiative, ‘Recycling’. Hope you find this helpful!   | **Activity: Paper recycling** | | | --- | --- | | **What is the activity?** | * Increase paper recycling | | **What are the benefits of the activity?**  **(GP surgery, staff, patients, community, environment)** | * Costs savings * Reduces wastage * Contributes towards the NHS Greener plan * Encourage patients to do the same - Healthcare professionals acting as role models * Sustainable environment | | **How to carry out the activity?** | * Ensure each room has a box/bin to put non-confidential paper * Encourage staff to use this ‘scrap’ paper for use rather than new paper * Ensure appropriate disposal of confidential paper; encourage clinicians to shred their waste paper that contains confidential information * Put up signs and send regular email reminders (see Resources) * Have a recurring ‘Green Agenda’ item on staff/practice meeting to reiterate green activities | | **How would this be measured?** | * Staff feedback * Practices to review the 6-12 monthly invoices | | **What are the benefits/award once you have completed the activity?** | * GP practices would have completed **one of the ‘Bucket list items’** mentioned in the ES 25 Green Initiative * You would have contributed towards NHSE ambition | | **How will this be reported?** | * Annual submission of the evidence of participation of the Bucket list items mentioned in the Delivery section of ES 25 Green Initiative |   **Additionally, please encourage your team to**   * Recycle non-clinical waste as appropriate, such as couch roll, packaging of consumables and drugs * Consider how to recycle ‘hard-to-recycle’ items, such as: * Lotion tubes/pumps ([Boots](about:blank) and [Superdrug](about:blank) offer recycling schemes) * Old electrical/electronic equipment   + [https://londonrecycles.co.uk/a-to-z/electrical-items/](about:blank) * Old batteries   + [https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/batteries](about:blank);   + [https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/ways-to-shop/recycle-used-batteries](about:blank);   + [https://www.recycle-more.co.uk/recycling/batteries](about:blank);   + [https://londonrecycles.co.uk/a-to-z/batteries/](about:blank)) * Medicine blister packets (Superdrug offer a [recycling scheme](about:blank)) * Printer/toner cartridges (see existing schemes)   + [https://www.brother.co.uk/recycling](about:blank)   + [http://www.zerowasterecycling.co.uk/faq.aspx](about:blank)   + [https://cartridges4charity.co.uk/toner-cartridge-recycling/](about:blank)   + [https://everycartridge.com/uk/alternatives/](about:blank)   + [https://www.officexpress.co.uk/recycling/](about:blank)   **Helpful Resources:** [Recycle and save paper](about:blank) [Does this have to be shredded](about:blank) [Double-sided printing](about:blank) [Reducing waste in health care](about:blank) |
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