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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, 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**  |
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| **What is the activity?** | * Increase paper recycling
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| **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
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| **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
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| **How would this be measured?** | * Staff feedback
* Practices to review the 6-12 monthly invoices
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| **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
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| **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
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 **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 and Superdrug offer recycling schemes)
* Old electrical/electronic equipment
	+ https://londonrecycles.co.uk/a-to-z/electrical-items/
* Old batteries
	+ https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/batteries;
	+ https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/get-involved/ways-to-shop/recycle-used-batteries;
	+ https://www.recycle-more.co.uk/recycling/batteries;
	+ https://londonrecycles.co.uk/a-to-z/batteries/)
* Medicine blister packets (Superdrug offer a recycling scheme)
* Printer/toner cartridges (see existing schemes)
	+ https://www.brother.co.uk/recycling
	+ http://www.zerowasterecycling.co.uk/faq.aspx
	+ https://cartridges4charity.co.uk/toner-cartridge-recycling/
	+ https://everycartridge.com/uk/alternatives/
	+ https://www.officexpress.co.uk/recycling/

 **Helpful Resources:**Recycle and save paperDoes this have to be shreddedDouble-sided printingReducing waste in health care                                                    |
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