**14-Nov-22    Waste Management**  
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Dear Colleagues,  
  
Our focus this week is on reducing unnecessary wastage, in particular **reuse** – stops new items from being made and old items from being wasted. This is one of the ‘Bucket’ list items on the ES Green initiative.

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| **ACTIVITY: Reuse as many items as possible** | |
| **What is the activity?** | * Re-use as many items as possible and put up signs in the practice to encourage staff to think about what they are using & how to reduce waste (conscience prodder) |
| **What are the benefits of the activity?**  **(GP surgery, staff, patients, community, environment)** | * Cost savings * Reduces wastage * Sustainable environment |
| **How to carry out the activity?**   https://mcusercontent.com/f41bed231cd8e99c32a71463f/images/7c30bf93-b810-656c-fc28-51802ec9e2d1.gif | * Put up signs * Discuss in staff/practice meetings * Encourage staff to reflect on what is being used & how to reduce wastage * Encourage staff to reuse as many items as possible instead of buying new ones (e.g. reusable water bottles, plates & coffee cups; scrap paper & paper clips instead of post it notes; consider adoption of Sharpsmart reusable sharps bins) |
| **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 |

Understanding the importance of the '5 R’s: refuse, reduce, reuse, and repurpose should be considered prior to recycling. Incorporate this into your practice’s waste reduction and recycling efforts to minimise landfill waste and reduce carbon emissions.  
    
**Helpful Resources:**  
   
[https://www.greenerpractice.co.uk/information-and-resources/organisational-considerations/reducing-waste-in-health-care/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.greenerpractice.co.uk%2Finformation-and-resources%2Forganisational-considerations%2Freducing-waste-in-health-care%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cvasusiva%40nhs.net%7C49e6eba56f8c41c8aced08dac6632515%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638040426423401956%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Z8QTkjHymUDZ7%2FnDQ26uys3PNHRaZNP0rhaEtAjV374%3D&reserved=0)