

# Medicine Waste

## Medicines Waste (Blue stream waste)



- Tablets and capsules can be left in blisters.
- Small medicated dressings.
- Small creams.
- Sachets.
- Used (small) DOOP kits.
- Nomads - patient information removed.

- External packaging and leaflets.
- Patient identifiable information.
- Cytotoxic waste.
- Controlled drugs - unless de-natured.

## Heavy/Bulky Medicines Waste (Blue stream waste)



- Liquids containing medicine.
- Bottles containing drug residue.
- Large used DOOP kits.
- Large creams or ointments.

- Packaging and leaflets.
- Patient identifiable information.
- Cytotoxic waste.
- Controlled drugs - unless de-natured.
- Sharps waste.

## Cytotoxic Medicine Waste (Purple stream waste)



- Returned Cytotoxic medication.

- External packaging and leaflets.
- Patient identifiable information.
- Controlled drugs.

# Sharps Waste

(1 litre sharps box fits into a 30 litre sharps box sideways)

## Sharps Waste (Yellow stream waste)



- Yellow stream sharps waste - should be placed directly in by patients wherever possible.
- Black sharps waste - should be placed directly in by patients wherever possible.

- Packaging and leaflets.
- Patient identifiable information.
- Cytotoxic waste.
- Controlled drugs.
- Non-sharps waste.

## Cytotoxic Sharps Waste

(Purple stream waste, blue stream waste)



- Purple stream sharps waste - should be placed directly in by patients wherever possible.

- Packaging and leaflets.
- Patient identifiable information.
- Non Cytotoxic sharps waste.
- Controlled drugs.

# Non Clinical Waste

## General Waste



- Packaging.
- Non medical waste such as non-medicated dressing.

- Medication.
- Bottles containing residue.
- Sharps waste.
- Patient identifiable information.

**THERE MUST BE NO PATIENT IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**

**ENSURE IT IS REMOVED AND DESTROYED OR OBSCURED MEDICATION MUST NOT BE DEBLISTERED**