



# Community Pharmacy Waste Update



- Changes to waste medicines and sharps waste containers have now been fully implemented in all community pharmacies in Fife.
- Please see the table below to summarise the changes.
- Any old style waste containers must be used first. In regards to the new yellow/blue sharps containers, if a patient returns an old style sharps box please put them in this stream.

Previous Waste Container	NEW Waste Container
1L and 13L yellow/orange patients sharps containers	1L and 13L yellow/blue patients sharps containers
30L yellow/orange pharmacy sharps container	30L yellow/blue pharmacy sharp containers
30L yellow / blue (flat lidded)	25L Cardboard container (with traceable tag) for light waste medicines such as strips of tablets and Capsules and 22L blue/blue container for heavy waste medicines such as bottles and creams
Yellow/purple (Cytotoxic/cytostatic)	There is no change to this waste stream

- All community pharmacy waste containers ready for uplift must be:
- Assembled correctly
  - Information section completed
  - Sealed

### NHS Fife Transport drivers will refuse to pick up waste containers that are not compliant



Information section must be filled out in full prior to collection. This should include:

- Branch Name (Contractor code is acceptable)
- Assembled by name
- Date Assembled
- Sealed by
- Date Sealed

Traceable tag number (for blue cardboard 25L and 50L container for light waste medicines only)

