

OPEN THE BAG

Before you leave the pharmacy.

An estimated **£4.7m*** of unused medicines are wasted every year in Norfolk and Waveney.

Of the £4.7m worth of unused medicines we estimate that:

- **£1.69m** is being returned to pharmacies because it's not needed
- **£1.41m** is kept in the home and is out of date
- **£0.78m** is disposed of in care homes

*Based on Department of Health figures for the UK nationally.

Once an unwanted medicine has left the pharmacy, it cannot be used even if it's not been opened.

By reducing the amount of medicines being wasted each year, we could increase the available funding for other vitally needed health services.



Please OPEN THE BAG – if you don't need all the medicine please hand it back at the counter or to the delivery driver.

For more information visit: http://tiny.cc/YourMedicines_YourNHS

