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Great Yarmouth and Waveney
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OPEN THE BAG!

Every year in Great Yarmouth and Waveney, approximately £1.06m is wasted.

Of the £1.06m worth of unused medicines we estimate that:

- **£384k** is being returned to pharmacies because it's not needed
- **£320k** is kept in the home and is out of date
- **£170k** is disposed of in care homes

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 desperately 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
www.greatyarmouthandwaveney.nhs.uk