


Care Homes Medical Practice Top Tips

- Please provide a copy of MAR charts and discharge letters for all new patient registrations
- The medicines line is available Monday to Friday 9-1 on 206 2320
 - Email requests can be sent to meds@srft.nhs.uk
- Please ensure you include the full name and date of birth on all patient requests
- Allow 48 working hours for prescription requests to be processed



CARE HOME STAFF
TIPS FOR REDUCING MEDICINE WASTE



Repeat prescription?
Only order what you need
Wasted medicines waste money

- Designate specific members of staff to order medicine.
- Always check stock before ordering.
- Use medicines with earliest expiry dates first.
- Communicate any medication changes to colleagues at hand over.
- When ordering medicines, make sure you are referring to the most current list of medicines.
- Pay particular attention when ordering sip feeds, dietary supplements, laxatives, dressings, creams and painkillers.
- Record reasons for wasted medicines in your returns book. Nursing home waste medicine is classed as industrial waste and must be disposed of via appropriate waste contractors.
- Keep a copy of your medicines order and check this against prescriptions prior to being dispensed by the pharmacy. Clarify any discrepancies with the pharmacy and also feedback to the patient's GP practice.
- Remember when required (PRN) medicines can lead to waste so only order what you need. Regulate quantities ordered e.g. if someone only ever uses 30 Paracetamol in a month only order that amount.
- If resident is unable to take medicines, refer to prescriber.

Only Order What You Need
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