



OPEN THE BAG

**Before you leave
the pharmacy.**

An estimated £300m*
of unused medicines
are wasted every year
across the UK.

Of the £300m worth of unused medicines, it's estimated that:

- £110m is being returned to pharmacies because it's not needed
- £90m is being stored unused in people's homes
- £50m 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 vitally needed
health services.

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

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

