



ANTIBIOTIC AMNESTY

Communication from Pharmacy to General Practice Teams

Dear [Practice Manager]

This year starting on **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week**, we are joining with other community pharmacies around the country to promote an '**Antibiotic Amnesty**'. We will be displaying posters in the pharmacy that encourage patients to return old and unused antibiotics to the pharmacy for appropriate disposal.

The 'amnesty' will provide opportunity for conversations in the pharmacy about wise use of antimicrobials and for signposting to information on how to help prevent antimicrobial resistance. Removing unused antibiotics from peoples' homes will also have the dual benefit of ensuring safe disposal and reducing the chance that they are used later inappropriately or shared with friends and whānau.

The amnesty promotion will 'officially' begin on **Friday 18th November** (the beginning of World Antimicrobial Awareness Week, which runs from 18 – 24 November every year) and run through until the **end of December 2022**.

If you are keen to support the amnesty and display posters in your practice, they can be downloaded from the [Pharmaceutical Society website](#). If you have any questions, please let do us know.

Kind regards

[Pharmacy]



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