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Some interesting facts about prescribed medications:

## How Can You Order A Repeat Prescription?

There are several ways that you can order your repeat prescription at Lodge Surgery:

1. Use the repeat slip provided.
2. An online request if you have registered to access the surgery's online services. Ask at Reception for details.
3. An email sent to: [enquiries.lodgesurgery@nhs.net](mailto:enquiries.lodgesurgery@nhs.net)
4. We are not able to accept telephone requests for prescriptions as this can lead to errors.

Please allow 72 hours for your request to be processed.

## Please Only Order What You Need

- Please let your GP or Pharmacist know if you have stopped taking any of your medicines.
- Check what medicines you still have at home before re-ordering.
- Discuss your medication with your GP or Pharmacist on a regular basis.
- Think carefully before ticking all the boxes on your repeat prescription form and only tick those that you really need.

## Wasted Medicines

The average practice prescribes over 125,000 individual items per year. It is estimated that over £300 million per year is wasted because medication is ordered and then never used.

If this money were saved it could fund 200 new GP Surgeries or 11,000 more Community Nurses.

## Do Your Bit

By doing your part and only ordering what you need you are helping to reduce the cost of wasted medicines, which means these savings could be put towards other health services.

## Online Ordering

You can order your repeat prescription online using SystemOnline. This service is linked to the clinical system, meaning any medication that has been authorised by a doctor to be repeated will be presented to you in a list similar to that on the right hand side of your printed repeat prescription. This service also allows you to book and cancel appointments online. You must register for the service at Reception, bringing proof of identity with you.

## Your Medications

The medications you have been prescribed are more likely to be effective if you follow your GP's or Pharmacist's exact instruction on when and how to take them.

## Electronic Prescription Service

Lodge Surgery is now operating the Electronic Prescription Service. This enables practices in England to send prescriptions electronically to a dispenser of the patient's choice, such as their local pharmacy. This can benefit practices by reducing the paperwork required in signing large volumes of repeat prescriptions and may also be more convenient for patients. Prescribers will no longer need to generate a paper token which reduces their workload and that of administrative staff.

When you have finished reading this, please leave in the waiting room.