

Consultation on Valuing Medicines -

A Strategy for the Sustainable Use of Medicines in Northern Ireland

Department of Health Stakeholder Engagement Webinar

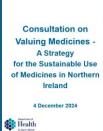
Friday 21st February 2025, 12:00 – 2:00pm

Embed sustainable medicines culture and practice into all health and social care settings

Aim of this event

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- Join us for a webinar to discuss Valuing
 Medicines A Strategy for the Sustainable
 Use of Medicines in Northern Ireland.
- This is an opportunity to learn more about the consultation and share your views on the strategy's goals and recommendations.





Have your say – your input matters!

- We value the input of service users and carers and would greatly appreciate their Involvement in this consultation.
- Lived experience provides valuable insights that can help shape this important area of work.

■ Date: Friday, 21st February 2025

Time: 12:00 – 2:00pm

Online Event: Microsoft Teams

Joining Details: Join the meeting now

Meeting ID: 325 757 573 431 Passcode: HA2jh2Wu

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• Please join us using the Microsoft Teams link above. We would appreciate it if you could email us in advance to confirm your interest in attending.

Why is this important?

- Medicines are essential for keeping people healthy at all stages of life.
- In Northern Ireland, we spend £875 million a year on medicines.
- People here take more medicines at a higher cost than in other parts of the UK.



- If we don't act, the health service will **struggle to afford new and better treatments**.
- Medicines also have an environmental impact:
 - They produce 25% of NHS carbon emissions.
 - **Too much medicine goes to waste** which costs money and harms the environment.



What does the strategy aim to achieve?

- The strategy aims to make sure medicines are used in a sustainable and responsible way by:
- Ensuring **everyone can access** the right medicines safely and affordably.
- **Involving patients** in decisions about their medicines, promoting prevention, and offering options alongside prescribed medicines.
 - **Reducing waste** and the impact of medicines on the environment.



