

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

Aim of this event

- 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.
 - Using **data, technology and research** to improve how medicines are used.

