

PRESS RELEASE

NEW SHARPS BOXES DISPOSAL SERVICE (WITH PIC)

Hambleton District Council is working in partnership with local Community Pharmacies to provide a sharps boxes disposal service.

The NHS used to supply this service but due to cut backs late last year, they had to withdraw the service.

As a Waste Collection Authority, Hambleton is obliged under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to collect and dispose of clinical waste including needles as a result of self-administering in the home and has set up a new sharps boxes disposal service.

“This is a great service to offer to our patients,” said John Evans pharmacist at Coopers Chemists in Great Ayton

“We now can issue our patients with a sharps disposal boxes via a prescription and they can return it to us when it is full. This has got to make the process much more efficient and easy for our patients or their carers.”

And Councillor Mark Robson , Leader of Hambleton District Council added, “This service best ensures safety for all whilst also minimising inconvenience to patients.”

So far ten Community Pharmacies have come on board across Hambleton and residents and patients can take their full sharps boxes to any one of participating Community Pharmacies.

The responsibility for the disposal of needles lies with North Yorkshire County Council.



Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Robson in pictured with Tiarana Burke, Pharmacist from Boots Pharmacy at Thirsk.

- Participating community pharmacies: Bedale – Mills Chemists, Rowlands Pharmacy, Great Ayton – Coopers Chemists, Northallerton – Boots Pharmacy, Day Lewis Pharmacy, Tesco Pharmacy, Well Pharmacy, Stokesley – Boots Pharmacy, Thirsk – Boots Pharmacy, Tesco Pharmacy.

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