

# PROJECT: SIMPLER RECYCLING

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## WHAT?

The practice wants to recycle its waste better.  
Currently, all waste, except for cardboard, goes into General Waste across the practice.  
Improve recycling - and make it accessible for other.

## WHY?

Better recycling is not a legislative requirement for practice.  
Poor segregation of waste raises the financial costs and environmental impact.  
Most of what we use and packaging, wrappers are recyclable.

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## HOW?

Engagement with members of practice staff; Raising awareness of Green Waste Management, engagement with cleaning staff, discussed revised process, Appropriately labelled bins and posters up everywhere to recycle.  
Put a sticker on boxes that were going to get thrown out, put them in each room to collect recycling. Everyone is responsible for emptying their recycling into a central bin. Made sure it was labelled and easy to get to.

## WHO?

Practice team, including partners, management and all staff and cleaning team, head nurse.

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## WHAT WENT WELL?

Good discussion with cleaning contractors taking place for collection and disposal of recycling and supply of recycling bins.  
Staff have been getting better at throwing away waste and recycling appropriately.  
Easy behaviour change - we do it at home anyway. Right opportunity as changes to waste and recycling legislation.

## EVEN BETTER IF?

Issue with flytipping of local residents/shop - waste dumped around bins and in wrong bin.  
Solution - We will lock our recycling skip to avoid contamination from others.  
Need time to make better posters and clearer signs that don't just blend into the background.

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## RESOURCES

'Guidance for GP practice/primary care on 'Simpler recycling' reforms in England' via Guides at <https://seesustainability.co.uk/resources>

Doing what we do, but a bit greener

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