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Dear Patient

At Crown Heights Medical Centre the doctors try to balance patient needs with satisfying the needs of the local health economy.

One of the big issues that we face is that of prescribing waste. The doctors often visit patients in their homes and regularly identify that they have a large quantity of drugs which remain unused. In an ideal world we could recover them and return them to the pharmacy, however, we are not allowed to take this action and the drugs invariably have to be destroyed.

We have conducted some research in this regard and evidence shows that 3 monthly prescriptions often result in contributing to this waste and as a consequence we have decided as a practice that the maximum quantity of drugs that we will now prescribe will be restricted to 56 days.

We have not taken this decision lightly and have discussed this decision with the practice patient participation group to gain their support. (The group is a body which represents patient's interests in the practice). They have been made aware of the significant savings that can be released to improve care and have supported us in our decision.

May we advise you that we will continue to prescribe the appropriate drugs for you and that this is in no way intended to jeopardise your care: we are simply trying to reduce waste

Yours sincerely

Stefan Morawiec
Practice Manager

